BIG SPIRITS COMICS

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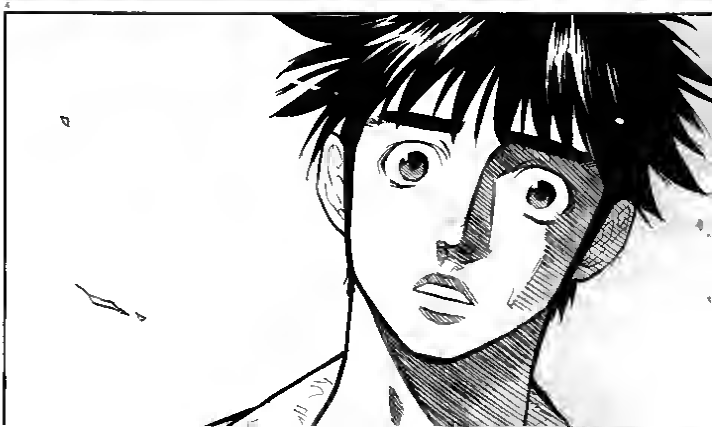
Chapter 9 The Remembered Face

I'm so-rry!
Please forgive me, Rintarou!

Huh...?
In fact,
My family owes him a lot!
Your father...
Didn't just stand by and let my dad die...
高本家之墓
Your dad raised my father's ship and cargo for free...
And helped us get compensation...
And, every year...
On my father's anniversary, he gave us some money to help with our expenses.

The only reason my family was able to survive
Was because your dad was there for us!



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DERER!!
But...
But since I learned the truth, I've wanted to apologize...
For a long time... I didn't want to talk to either of you. I didn't even want to hear your names
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When I heard your father had passed away, I didn't even have the guts to attend the funeral...
Every day... every single day I visit my dad's grave, wondering what to do...
I just didn't know how to face you guys...
I said such terrible things to you, my best friend, and to your father...
I'm such a horrible, cowardly guy...!

It's okay.
And today you're here... I...!

I understand, so...
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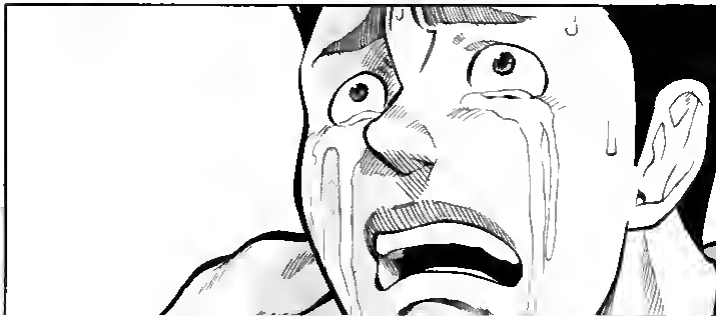

Until now... I thought my father chose money over a man's life and let your father die...
I was just like you...
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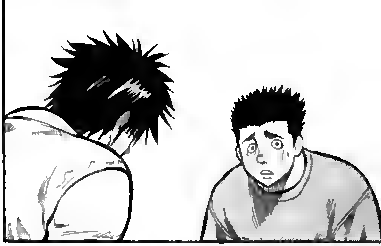
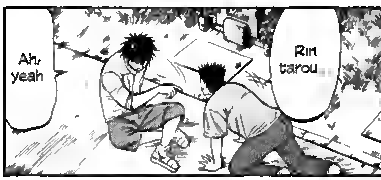
And I finally understood that there was nothing he could have done...
But today... I went through the same thing my father experienced back then...

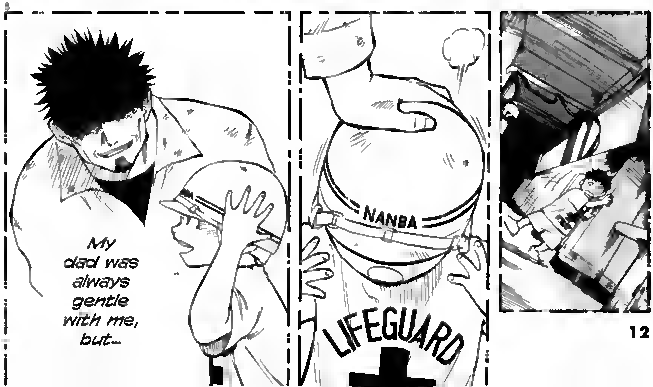
All he could do...
Was stand back and watch...
It must have hurt so much... So much he could hardly breathe and yet, in that situation...

I used to sail on Kairin Maru a lot...
When I was small.

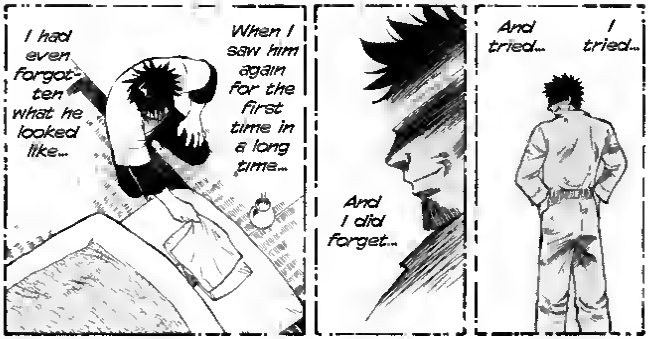


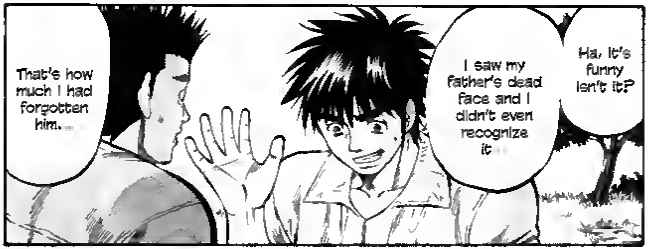

Ah, yeah
Rin tarou...

Until he let me tag along while he worked
I'd beg my father...

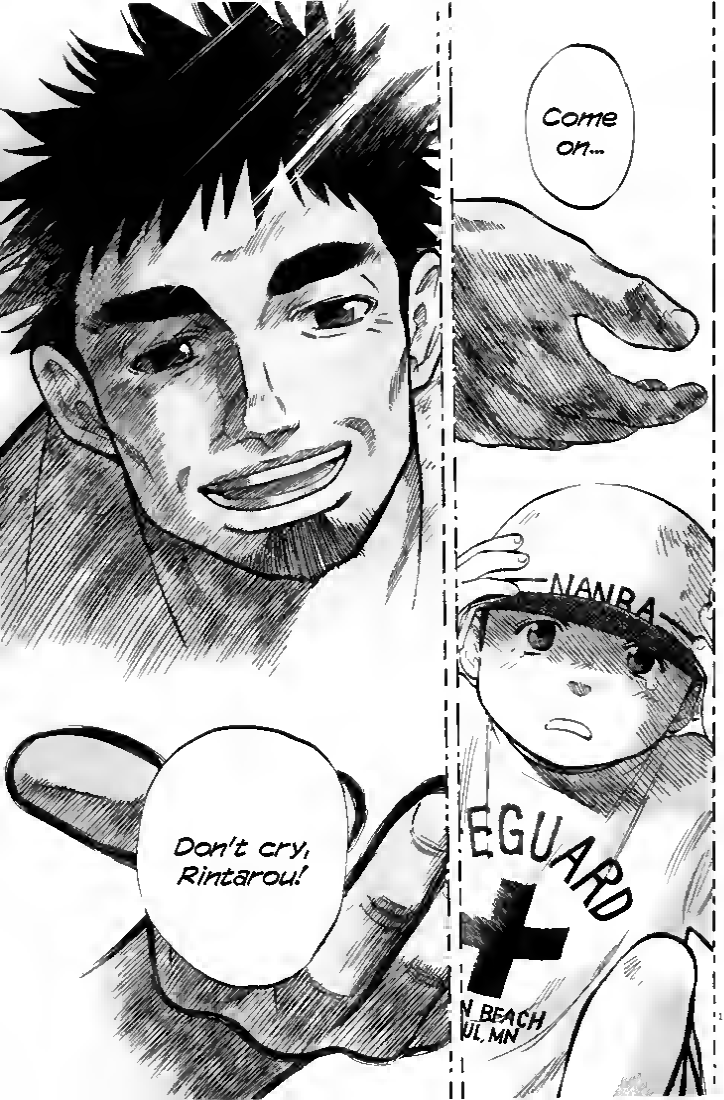

My dad was always gentle with me, but...
NANBA
LIFEGUARD

Still, he worked harder than anyone else...
He was extremely strict with his workers.
My father, who everyone respected
And he's fast, too!
It's pretty rare for an owner to dive himself
I thought he was the best salvor in the world.
That's precisely why I couldn't forgive him...
I tried... to forget everything...


I had even forgotten what he looked like...
When I saw him again for the first time in a long time...
And I did forget...
And I tried...
I tried...


That's how much I had forgotten him...
I saw my father's dead face and I didn't even recognize it...
Ha, it's funny isn't it?

What a worthless son I am...
LIFEGUARD
Geez...


Come on...
NANBA
EGUARD
N BEACH
UL, MN
Don't cry, Rintarou!

DAD!
It was so hard forget-ting you...

難波サルヴェージ
Hmph... You took your sweet time getting back, didn't you?
The bereaved family heard all the details from the Coast Guard...
Huh?
There was a request from the Coast Guard. They want us to raise up that boat earlier with the body, and you are going to help!
Doesn't sound like there's much money in it...
Are you sure?
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Stop gawping and get a move on!
Since you tried till the very end to save him, they wanted you to be the one to raise him up.
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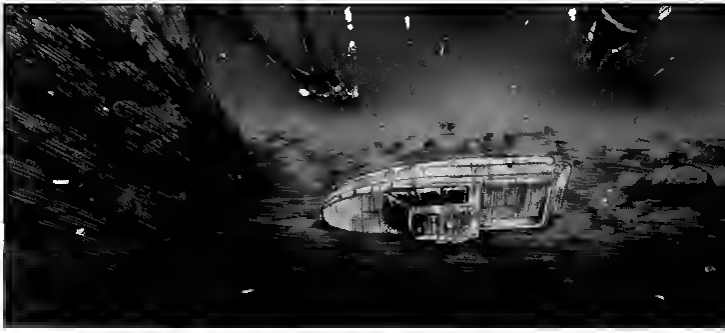
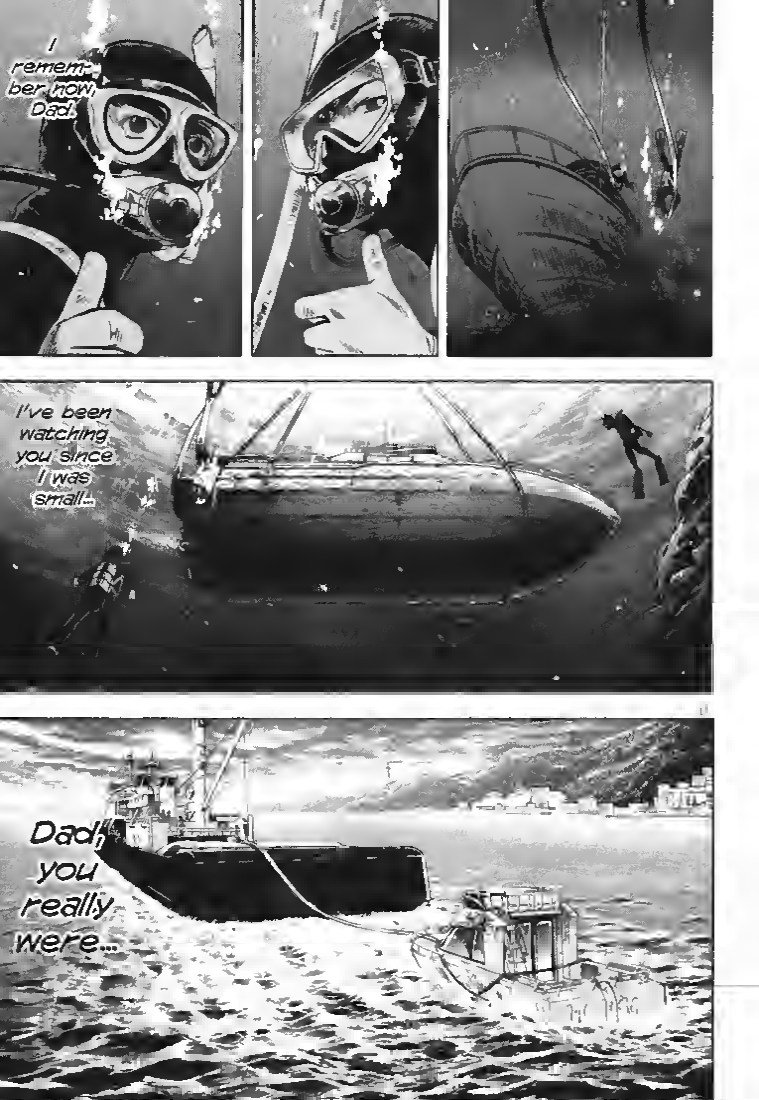
This is also part of the job.

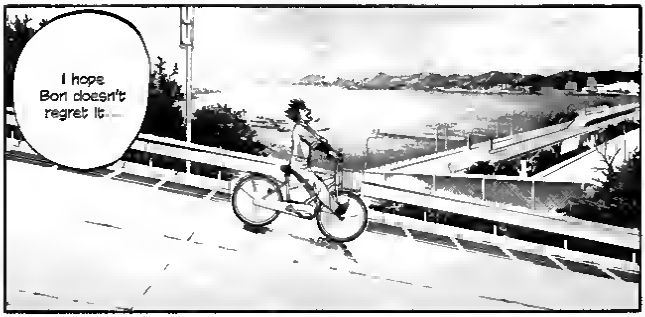


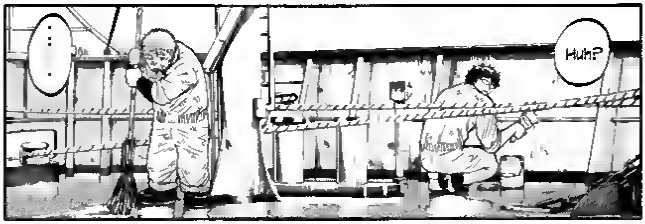

I remember now, Dad.
I've been watching you since I was small...
Dad, you really were...

MY
PRIDE.

Chapter 10 Clear Fog

OH YEAH!


I hope Bon doesn't regret it—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Huh?

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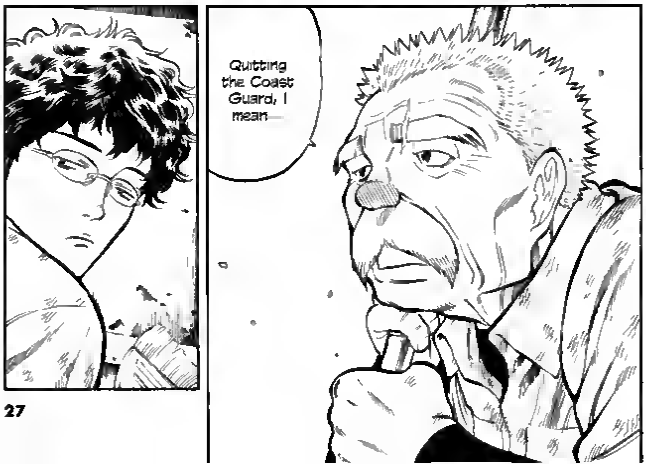
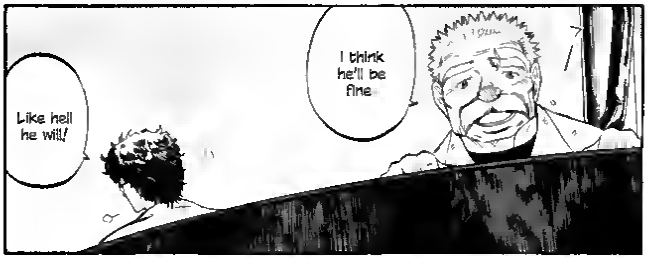

Quitting the Coast Guard, I mean—

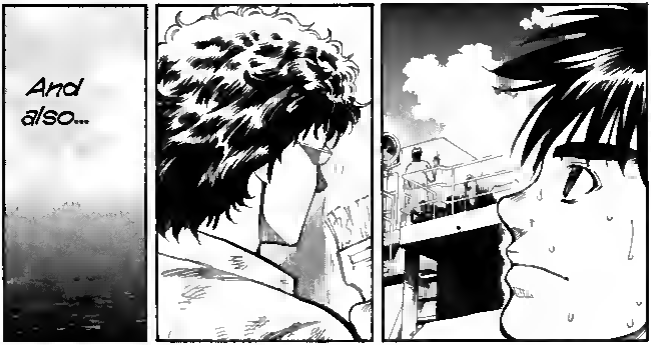
He might get upset and try to dissolve the company again...
Part of it was his father's will, but maybe we strong-armed him into it...
Don't know, don't care.
Bon!
I'm back!
Don't call me "Boy!"
Don't skip out when we're applying anti-rust paint, boy!
Don't "I'm back" me!

Call me Boss!


I think he'll be fine.
Like hell he will!

Are you sure about this, Nanba?
LETTER OF RESIGNATION
Yes, sir.
Though I know it's selfish of me
I had such high hopes for you after you became a diver...
I'll never forget the pride and spirit of a Coast Guard diver, sir!

In order to repay my father...
But right now...I really want to be a savior...


And also...

There's a guy I don't want to lose to...

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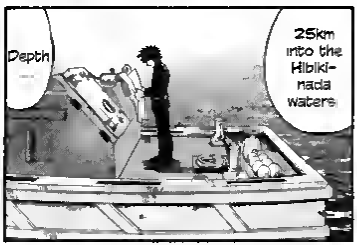
Depth
25km into the Hibiki-nada waters

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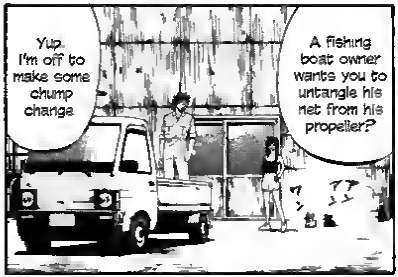
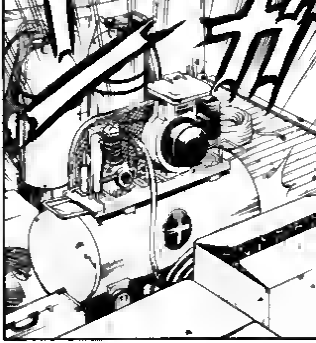
Sorry but I'm a salvor!


Yup. I'm off to make some chump change
A fishing boat owner wants you to untangle his net from his propeller?



Huh? The boss took off in it earlier, I think
Now, where's the work boat?
Don't call me "Boy"!
Geez, who does that boy think he...

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Now I can dive as deep as you can!
12 minutes of decompression. Residual air pressure 95
55m.
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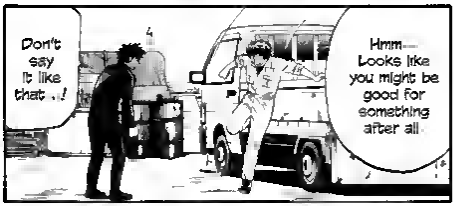
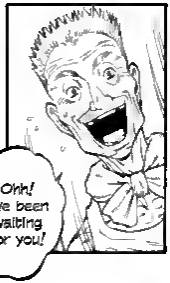
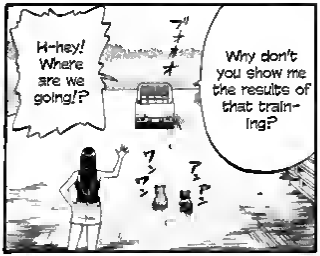

Don't say it like that..!
Hmm— Looks like you might be good for something after all


Ohh! I've been waiting for you!


H-hey! Where are we going!?
Why don't you show me the results of that training?

Guess I'll dive in and check things out.
I need to go fishing tomorrow, so please do something!

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That boy looks kinda young. Will he be okay?
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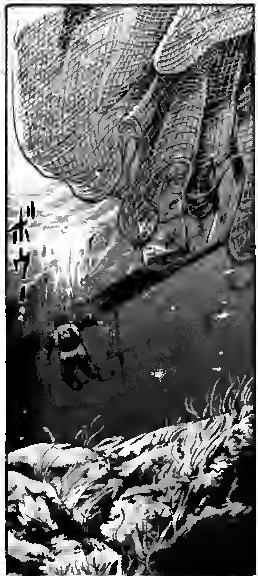
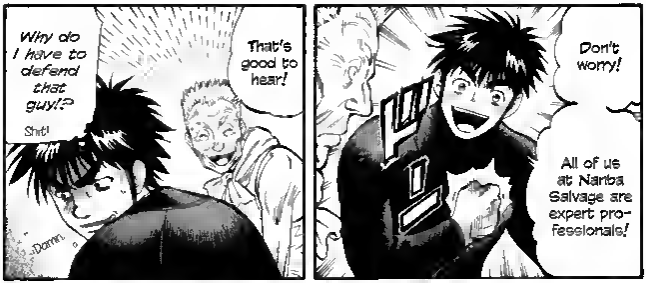
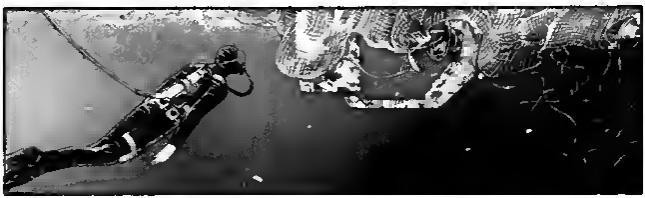
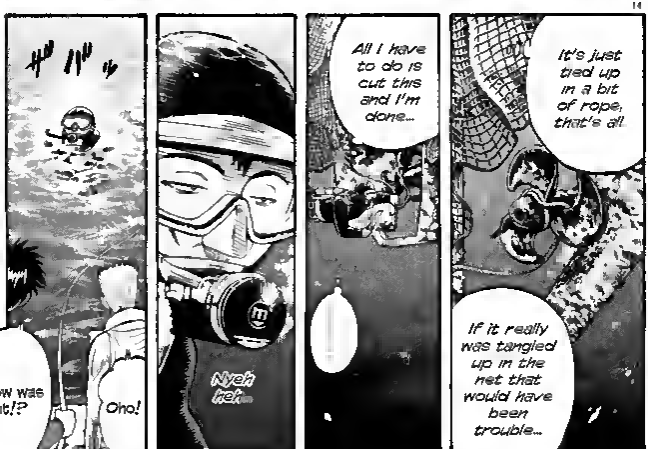


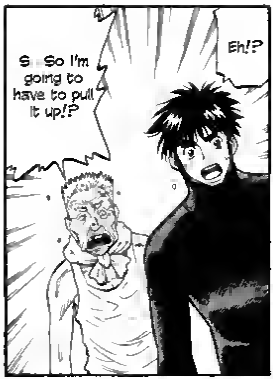
Hey, lackey!
Pay out the hose properly!

L— Lac-key!?


Why do I have to defend that guy!?
Shit!
Damn
That's good to hear!
Don't worry!
All of us at Narita Salvage are expert professionals!



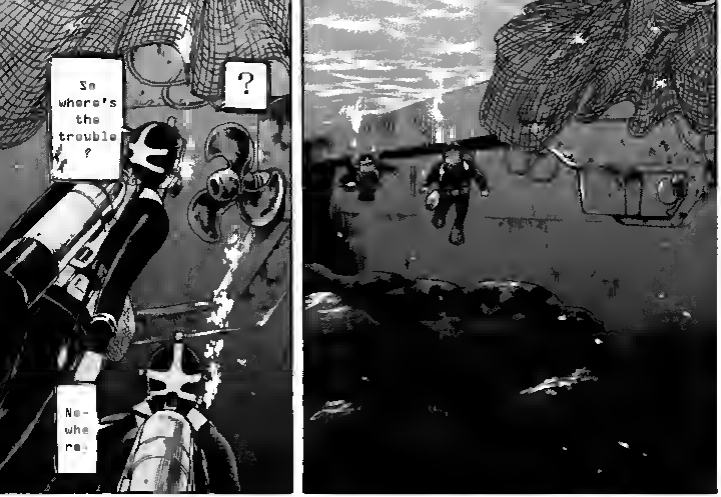

How was it!?
Oho!
Nyeh heh...
All I have to do is cut this and I'm done...
It's just tied up in a bit of rope, that's all
If it really was tangled up in the net that would have been trouble...


S... So I'm going to have to pull it up!?
Eh!?

Looks like it's going to be a lot of work...
Hm...

But...
R-really!?
No... We'll see what we can do

It's going to cost you!


So where's the trouble?
?
No- where...

Look- When we help him out, he'll be happy. When he's happy, he'll give us money
But you just told the owner
And then we'll be happy too!
Got a problem with that?

I already took care of it
No where?
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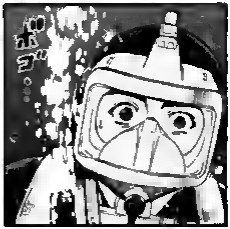
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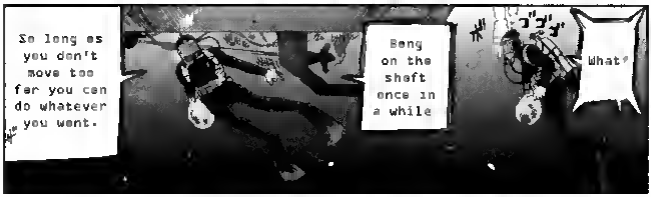
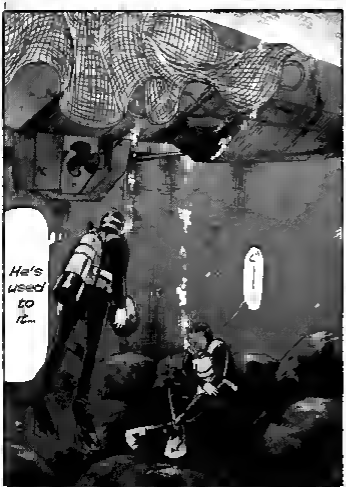
I'm going to nap for about 30 minutes. Find a way of wasting some time too.

Why yeuuu' That guy's really worried, you know!
Don't yell! You'll run out of air.

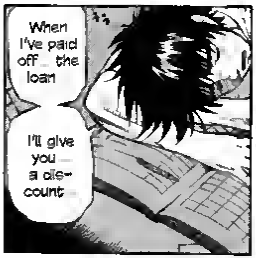

So long as you don't move too far you can do whatever you want.
Bang on the shaft once in a while
What?

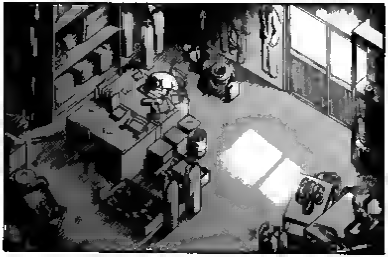

He's used to it...

If the bubbles came from just one spot, it looks suspicious...

This place should do.

Thank you Thank you!
Maybe I should go back to the Coast Guard...


When I've paid off the loan
I'll give you a discount



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I'm sorry! I can't pay yet!
The loan!

I'm glad I took over, but there's no way I can pay back 1.5 billion...
Dad...
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PARADISE
Wh-
What was that tremor?

Chapter 11 An Obstacle Appears

It's a wreck.
Did you feel that tremor just now?

Oh, you're up. Well done, well done!

Something big just hit a rock...

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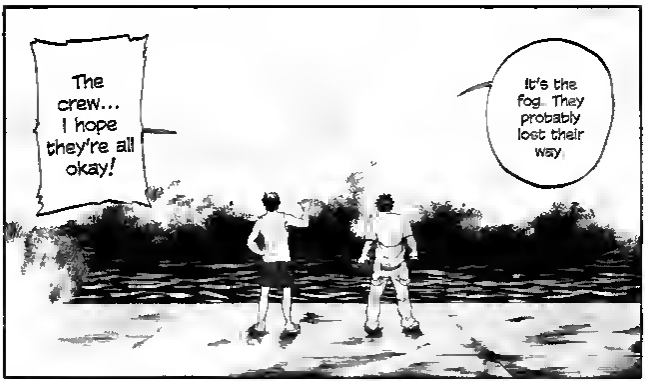
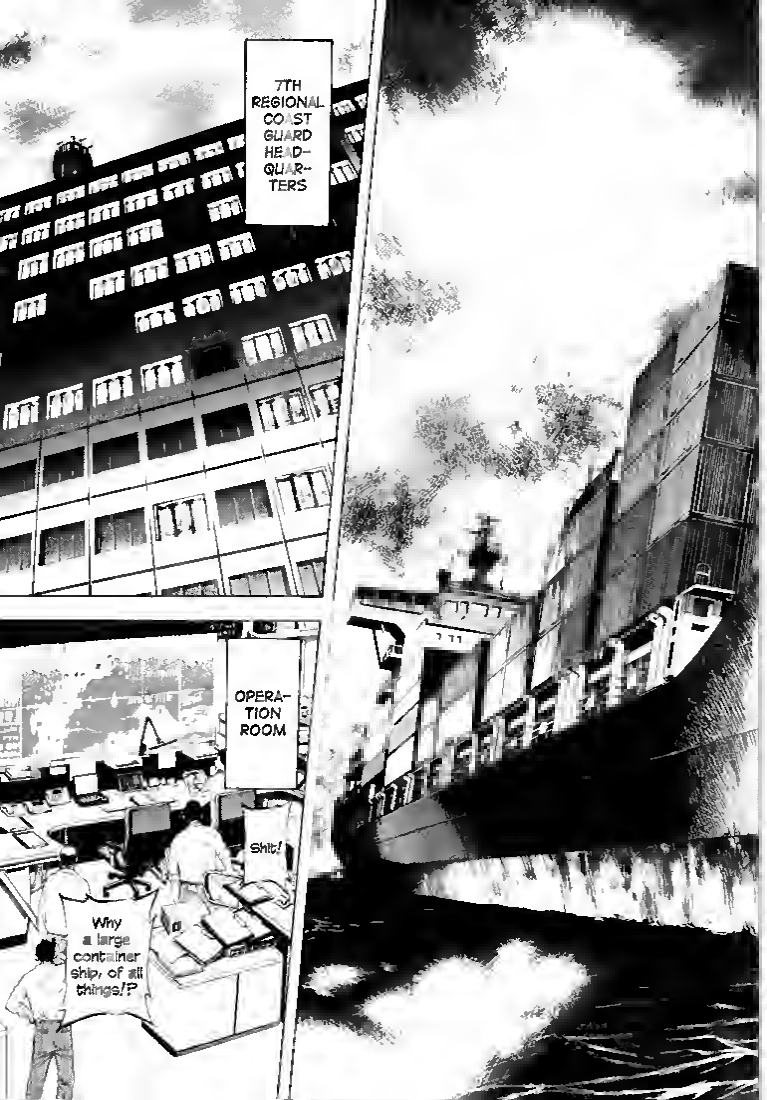
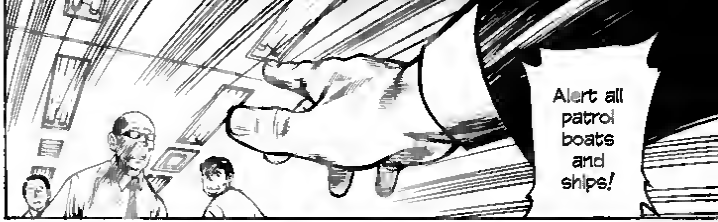
I knew it!


The crew... I hope they're all okay!
It's the fog. They probably lost their way.


7TH REGIONAL COAST GUARD HEAD-QUAR-TERS
OPERA-TION ROOM
Shit!
Why a large container ship, of all things!?

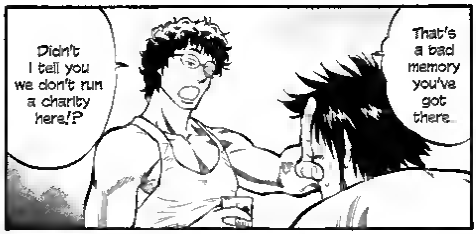

Alert all patrol boats and ships!

All shipping through the Kanmon Straits must cease immediately!
KASAI NAOYA SECTION CHIEF, RESCUE SECTION

Let me worry about that!
Without permission from Headquarters...
Sir! But...
We have to prevent any more accidents at all costs!
The Kanmon Straits are Japan's lifeline...
Sir!
A call from Nanba Salvage. They want information..

We have to go save them now!

We


Didn't I tell you we don't run a charity here!?
That's a bad memory you've got there

Ow!

All set!

There's no point going unless we'll get some money out of it
B... But

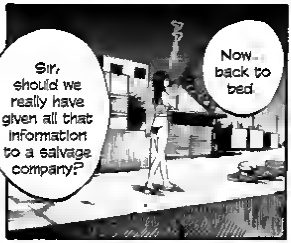
The ship is a container ship registered in Holland, the "Gloria Queen" it's wrecked west of the shipping lane, near Ganryuujima!
It's got insurance and the shipping company checks out clean! ♡
Are you listening?
Nn... Ya...
Lucky us, Boss We're going to make a killing!
Exploiting people's misery again...!
Let's get them to sign a contract before anyone gets in our way!

Don't give me that!

Yah, whatever...
Got it? Saving people comes first!

That's our company motto!

Yeah, yeah.
Uwaah!


Sir, should we really have given all that information to a salvage company?
Now... back to bed.

Good luck!

Let them make themselves useful

I don't care. The situation is dire.

There it is!
This fog is crazy! No wonder there was an acci- dent.

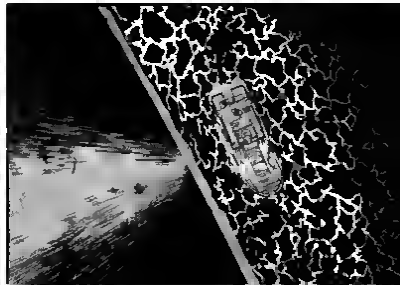
Let's sail around once to check things out

All we have to do is seal up the cracks from the impact and tow it off the rocks
The ship's in no danger of sinking
And we're done

This job is a gift from God.

The work is easy and the pay will be tops!
It's a gift from God to us poor little men!
He can tell all that - just by looking?

We're here about the wreck. We need to see the captain!
We're from Nariba Salvage!



Excuse us.

CAPTAIN ROOM

Yes !
.....

Salvors ..?

!?
Here to get rich off our pain, huh...

Hmph!
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You just want money, don't you!?
You don't give a damn about us..

We just want to help...
No!
Ha!

We'll do a good job.

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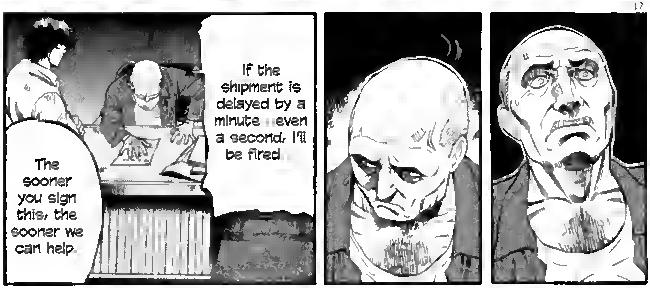
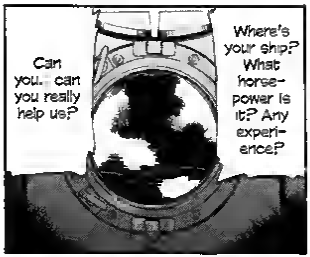
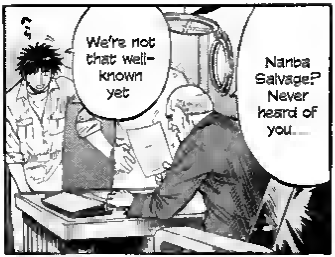
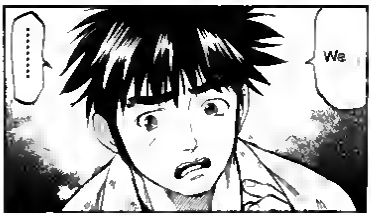

The sooner you sign this, the sooner we can help.
If the shipment is delayed by a minute, even a second, I'll be fired.


Can you... can you really help us?
Where's your ship? What horse-power is it? Any experience?


Nanba Salvage? Never heard of you...
We're not that well-known yet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Trust me.

Fine.
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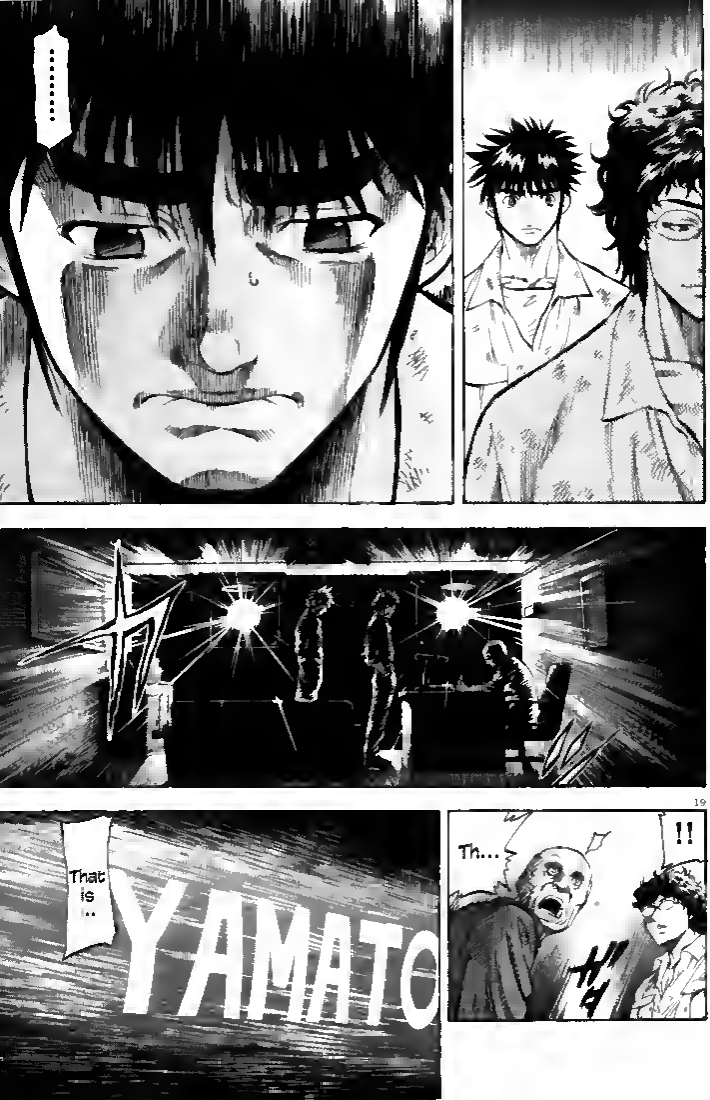
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That is...
YAMATO
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皇帝
EMPEROR
YAMATO SALVAGE

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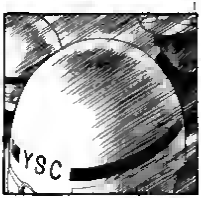
Fuck...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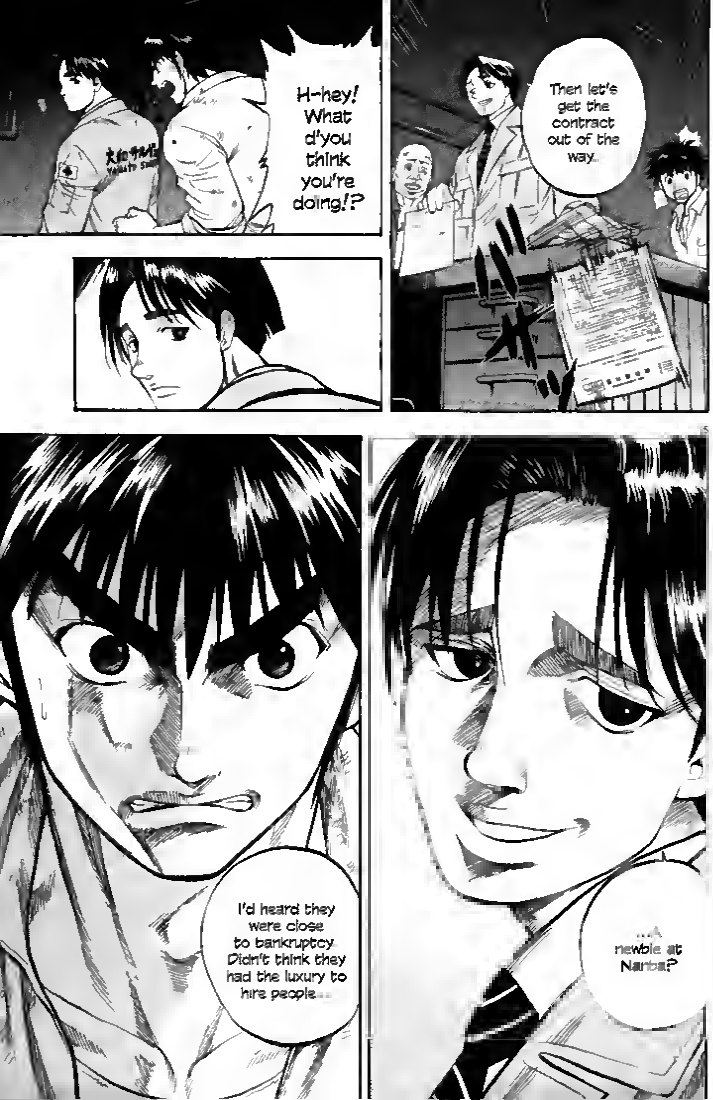
Chapter 12 Humiliating Contract

sniff
Hm?
sniff
sniff
You have some other guests?

Oh my...
snip
If it isn't Narita Salvage...

The biggest salvage company in Japan... That Yamato!?
No matter how big the job you finish it in no time all...
Yes
You guys... are from Yamato Salvage?
That Yamato...
Yes
That would be great!
Captain, why don't you go ashore for a while, have some fun. By the time you return everything will be just the way it was before...
OH!!


H-hey! What d'you think you're doing!?
Then let's get the contract out of the way.
I'd heard they were close to bankruptcy. Didn't think they had the luxury to hire people...
...A newbie at Narita?

Eeh!?
I'm done signing!
That's none of your business. And we were here first.

Let's get to work!
Yes, sir!
My life's on the line here. Of course I'll go with someone I can trust!
Captain!? You're kidding, right!?

Wait! Something's fishy here!
Looks like our boss is getting in your way.

Poor Naniba, nothing but one problem after another
Quit it. You can't beat him!
Wha
Boss?
Now.
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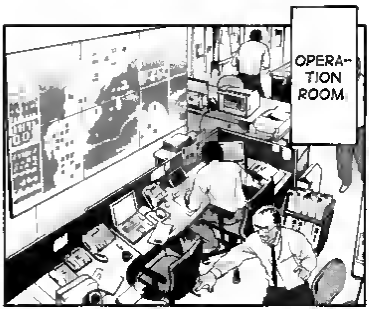
I can't believe... he's backing down...

Let's go, Boss. We need a drink.



Send word to ALL ships through MARTIS* that the straits are closed to shipping!
Got it? Send an anti-oil ship over there to contain any spills!

*THE MARINE TRAFFIC INFORMATION SERVICE

We just got a call from their salvage master, Eguchi Gen, detailing the work involved
Yamato

It's Yamato
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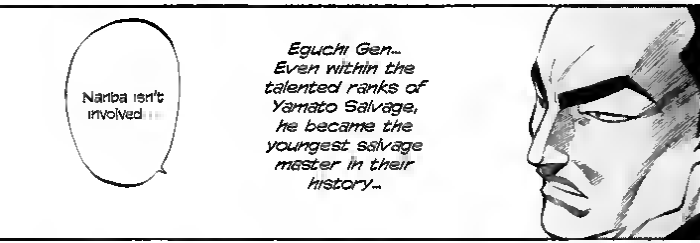
Naniba isn't involved
Eguchi Gen... Even within the talented ranks of Yamato Salvage, he became the youngest salvage master in their history...

No time to worry about others, huh...

What do you mean by putting a freeze on shipping!?
Mr. Kaizai!

NIWA HIROMI, DEPARTMENT HEAD.
Lift the ban immediately!

But sir...
If we allow shipping to continue we run the risk of another accident
Then at least allow one side to pass!

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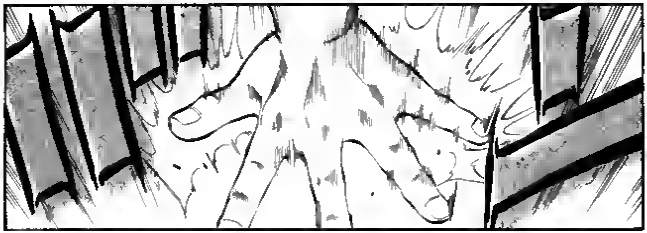
I'm not to blame for this!
Yamato Salvage is currently undertaking recovery work.
The container ship was wrecked at an angle so the shipping lane is almost entirely blocked.

You did all this on your own, understand?
I don't know anything about this!



Who does that asshole think he is...
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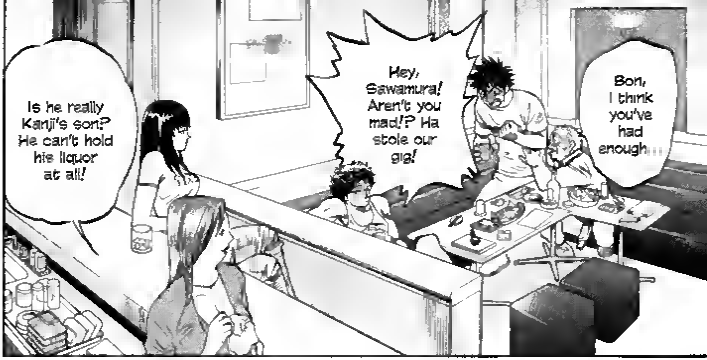
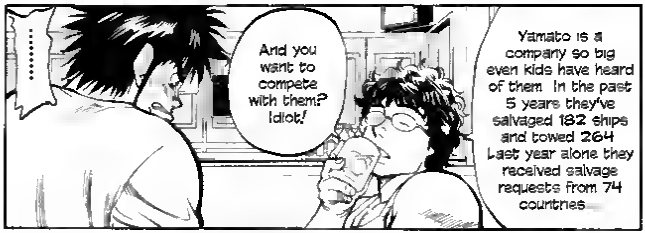

Is he really Kanji's son? He can't hold his liquor at all!
Hey, Sawamura! Aren't you mad!? He stole our gig!
Bon, I think you've had enough...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And you want to compete with them? Idiot!
Yamato is a company so big even kids have heard of them. In the past 5 years they've salvaged 182 ships and towed 264. Last year alone they received salvage requests from 74 countries...

That doesn't mean our feelings don't matter!
It's only natural. To Yamato Salvage we're completely insignificant.

That doesn't mean he should look down on us!
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That's enough alcohol for you!
One more!
...

I AM calm~
After all, I'm the boss...

Calm down, Bon!

And our work may have been taken from us...

I may be good for nothing...

Ahhh!?
THUDUSH

But I'm still the boss, so...
SIGH

I can...
To-tally ...
Do it ...

Are you guys SURE he's Kanji's son?

SALVAGE

Mr. Eguchi, we've got trouble!

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What is it, Mr Eguchi?
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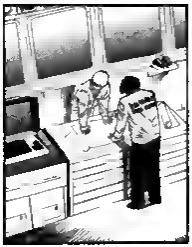

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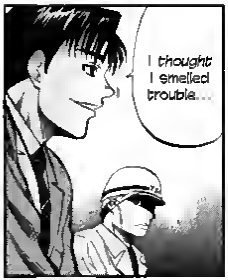
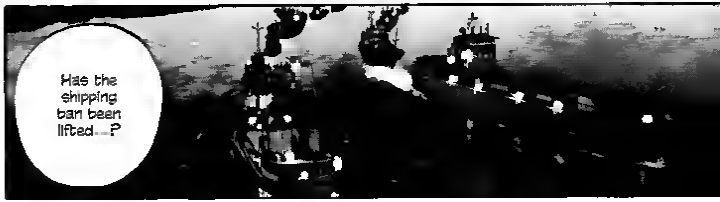

I thought I smelled trouble....


Has the shipping ban been lifted....?

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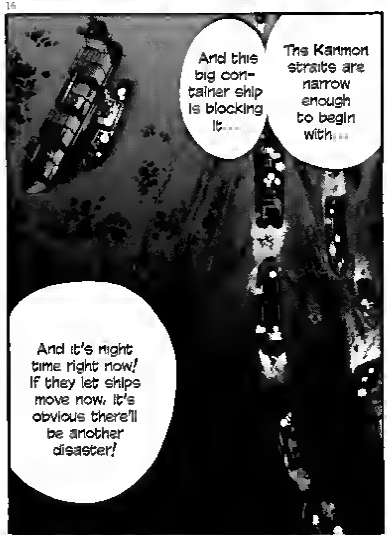
And this big container ship is blocking it....
The Kanmon straits are narrow enough to begin with...
And it's right time right now! If they let ships move now, it's obvious there'll be another disaster!

No way around it... That means they're telling us to work like that...
What should we do? The backwash will affect the work, if only a little

That just means more opportunities for us...
Well, if something happens, it happens
If anything, we should be grateful.

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Rescind your decision to have shipping continue on one side!
Please!
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If another disaster occure, Japan's economy might suffer serious damage!
The Kanmon straits are Japan's lifeline.
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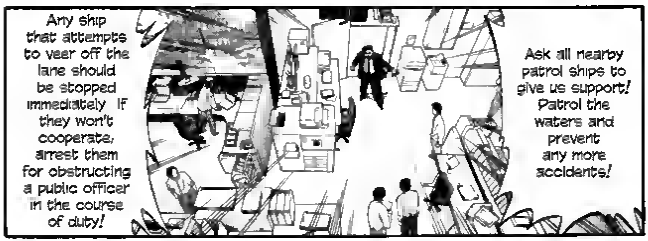
That's just it.

That's exactly what I'm worried about!
Closing Kanmon entirely is even more damaging to Japan!
How long do you think I've been in charge here?
Kaizai

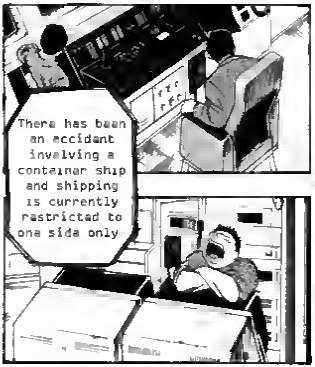
And in three more months I'm expecting a transfer
If nothing goes wrong between now and then, I'll be promoted to the Head Office at Kasumigaseki.


Any ship that attempts to veer off the lane should be stopped immediately. If they won't cooperate, arrest them for obstructing a public officer in the course of duty!
Ask all nearby patrol ships to give us support! Patrol the waters and prevent any more accidents!

There'll be plenty of time for regrets later.
We'll do everything we can for now...!

Chapter 13 A Terrible Beginning

KANMON MARINE TRAFFIC INFORMA-TION CENTRE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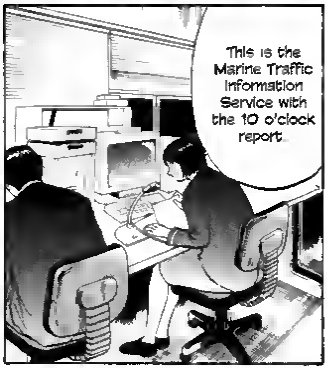
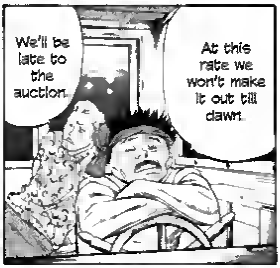

This is the Marine Traffic Information Service with the 10 o'clock report.

All ships are to maintain their currant spaad and give each othar plenty af spaca as thay procead

Which moron got himself wrecked in here?
Crawling along like this is just making me sleepy.

Shit!


We'll be late to the auction.
At this rate we won't make it out till dawn.

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Y-yes. Yes, as I explained earlier...
Y-yes, Yoshimura here!
Y-yes, we'll be out of the straits by dawn...
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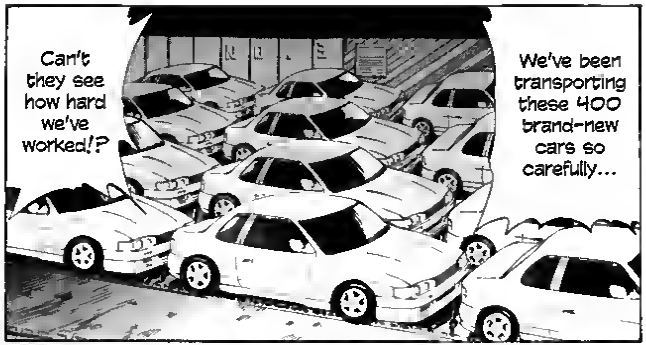
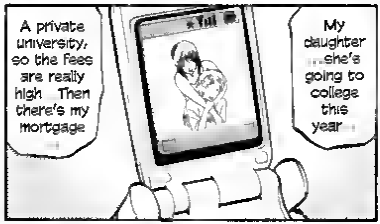
Duh, we're going to miss the delivery date!
Man, the captain's really pissed off!
R.R.R.
ガン

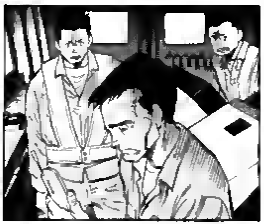
It's not our fault it's late...
Th-that's going too far!
Hello?
Hello? HELLO!

More pressure from the shipper, sir?
Whoa
.....

No way!!
EEEH!?
He's going to cut our pay.
For every minute the shipment is delayed


We've been transporting these 400 brand-new cars so carefully...
Can't they see how hard we've worked!?

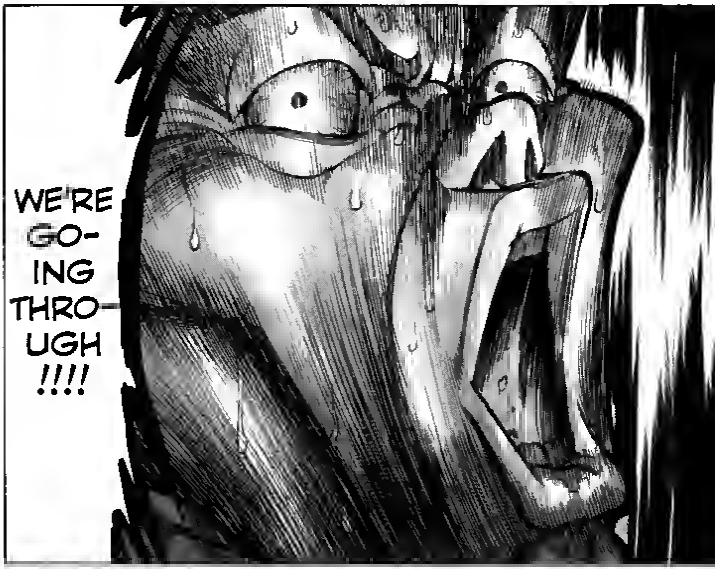

My daughter ...she's going to college this year
A private university, so the fees are really high. Then there's my mortgage



MONEY!

I need...

Huh?
Weigh anchor ...


WE'RE GO-ING THRO-UGH !!!!

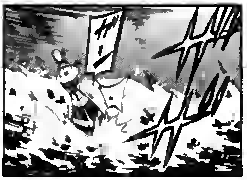
Hurry!
What !?
Wash !?

Stop immediately!
Your ship is going off the shipping lane!
I repeat
PM

Ignore them! We're getting out of here!
Captain!

I repeat

Shit! There are rocks underwater beyond that buoy!
That fool! He's completely out of the lane!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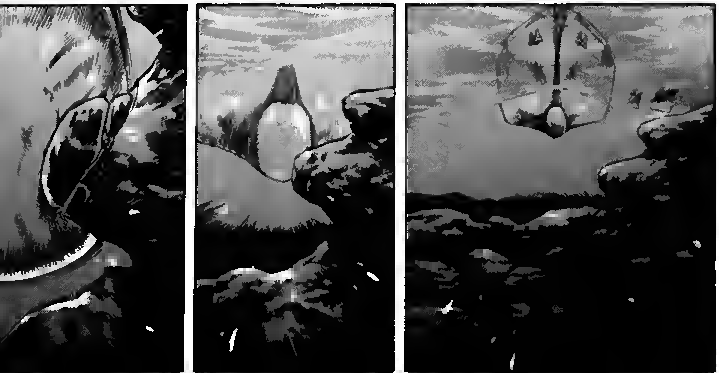

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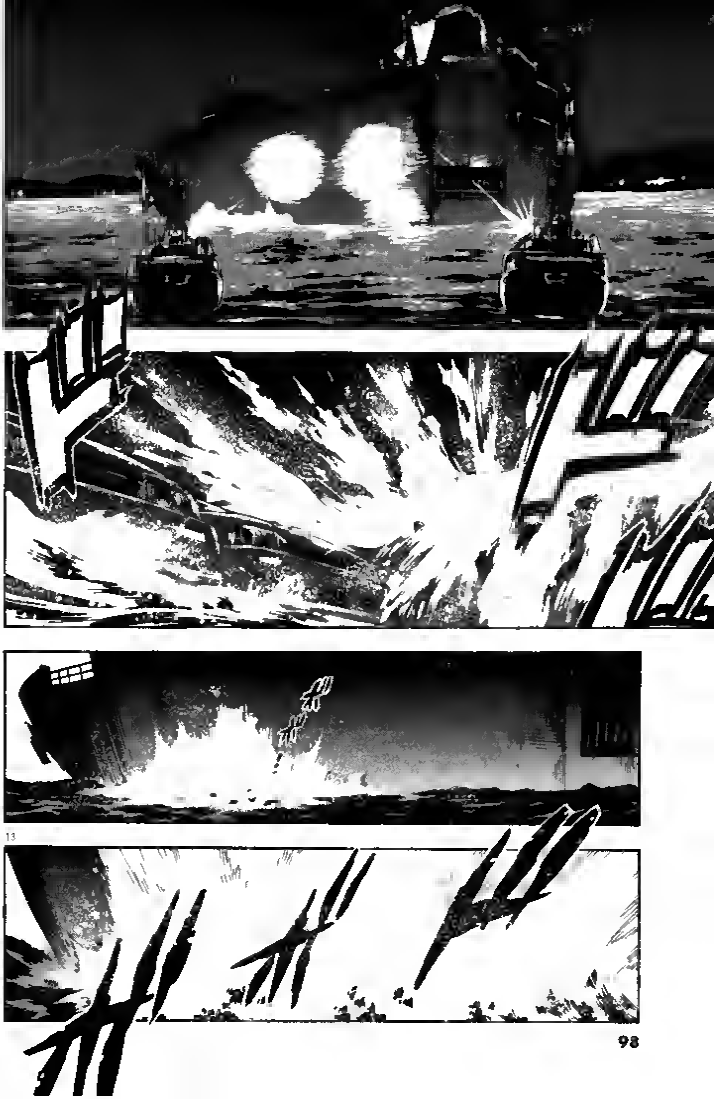
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Oh

Sank ...!?
A ship transporting cars...
NO!
Where!?
Right by the Hayatomo signal tower!

The Kanmon Bridge ...!?
Right under...

Is it true about a ship sinking?
Mr Kaizai!

Can I drown him now?
I'm totally fiiiiiine!
Get a grip, Bon!

Did [illegible] thing... happen!?
.....

難波サルヴェーン

They say a ship carrying cars just sunk right under the Kanmon Bridge
I got the details from the Coast Guard

Right under the Kanmon Bridge!?
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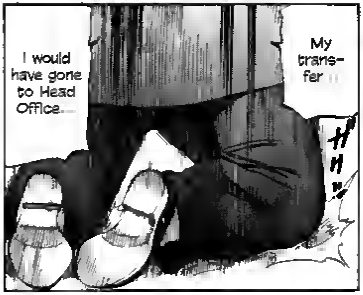
Chapter 14 Overlapping Faces

Cast the search-light wider!
We've rescued 6 crew members, searching for the last 5!
"This is the Nishi-kaze."


I would have gone to Head Office...
My transfer
HHH

No

ZZZ

No...
My career is over!

Sir
This isn't the time to whine about that! Right now

What matters is the safety of the crew on that ship.
And the fact that thanks to this wreck, Japan's lifeline is completely cut off! We have to restore the Kanmon route to normal as soon as possible!

Wh-Why not!?

Then I might still have a chance to go to Head Office—
There's no way we can recover that ship!

That's why...
I've called in the experts

Yes...
We have to raise the ship right away!

What can I do for you?
I'm Eguchi, from Yamato Salvage.

You might already be know this, but…

Glad to hear it
So you're Eguchi-kun! I've heard a lot about you!

Ohhh!

Just a few minutes ago, a ship transporting cars sunk right under the Kanmon Bridge...
Because of that the Kanmon shipping route is unusable.
And so, we need you....

To raise that ship out of there!

It's an emergency!
Please!
Snp
Snp
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No thank you.

Ahh
This is why I hate amateurs. .

Y, you fool!
This isn't the time to argue, just raise the thing!

And we're busy salvaging the Gloria Queen now so if you'll excuse me...
In any case, we can't do it...

Amateurs!?
A

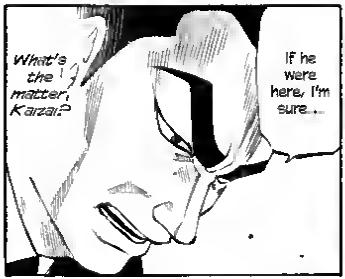
The man who became the youngest salvage master in the history of the great salvage company Yamato Salvage... Eguchi Gen...
Your success rate is 100%.
You always make the right decisions.
No matter how danger-ous or difficult the job is...
Eguchi Gen.
They call you the greatest salvage master in Japan today.
And that's exactly why I'm asking this of you!
I know all that...

The chief... is bowing to that guy...
Mr. Kaizai ...!?

If the straits stay blocked, Japan's economy will be greatly affected...
There's no time! I beg you!

I won't call it a tough job because you probably wouldn't get it, but
When I say no, I mean NOOOO~!
It feels pretty good to have a Coast Guard chief bow to me, but

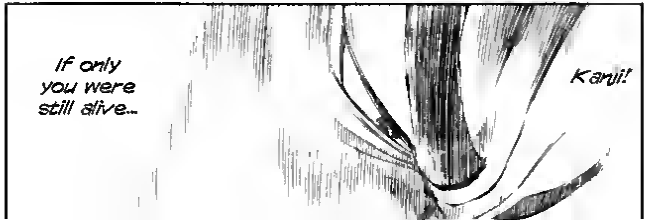
Wha-
!?
Not a single one would take this job!
Even if you asked every salvage company in Japan


What's the matter, Kaizai?
If he were here, I'm sure...

Naniba Kanji...

You look like shit. Something wrong?

And I'll give you a good deal too!
No matter who, no matter what, we'll save them!


If only you were still alive...
Kanji!

Excuse me!
I'm from Nanba Salvage!

He can't be...
Boss...?
Ah, Nanba's young boss.
You're that guy from Yamato Salvage.
Ah!
We heard a ship sank under the Kanmon Bridge.
Why!?
!?
No, we'll pass.
Are you guys going to salvage this ship too?

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Hm...
Too much trouble, I guess...

...A typical answer from a complete ROOKIE...
A lot of people are in trouble because of this!
What?
I may be a rookie... but I've made up my mind to take over our salvage business!
No matter who or what it is, I'll salvage it!
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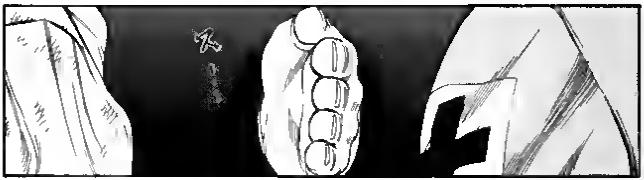
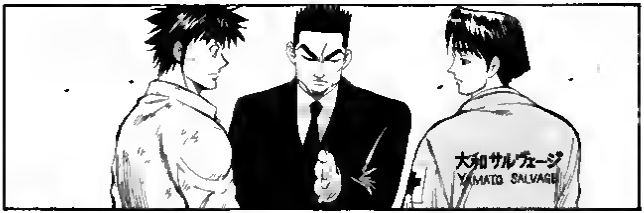
I knew it... He's Kanji's son...!

But that's exactly why I won't run away!
Yeah...
That you can do it with good intentions alone...
Salvaging isn't so easy...

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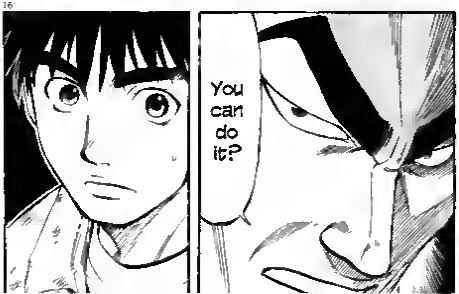
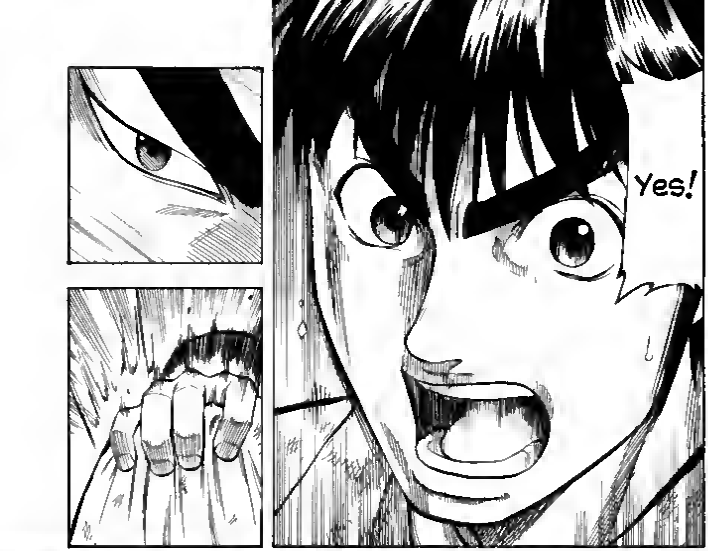

You can do it?

So...

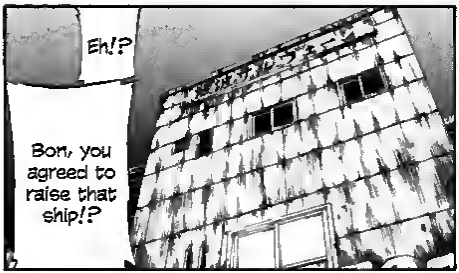

Yes!

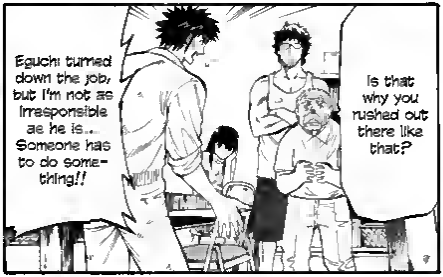
Then there's no time to lose. Raise that ship.
And save Japan's economy!
Leave it to us!

He's at the very bottom rung of all the salvors I know
He can't do it
Just so you know...
Umm

If Eguchi is right and no one else would accept this job...
Y, yeah! Kaizai! Even I can tell he's just an unreliable kid!

Then we have no choice but to bet it all on him!


Eh!?
Bon, you agreed to raise that ship!?


Eguchi turned down the job, but I'm not as irresponsible as he is... Someone has to do something!!
Is that why you rushed out there like that?

Eh?

Right under

Why do you think Eguchi turned it down?

Don't just stand there, let's go!

……
!?

Anyway, go back and turn it down.
Got it?

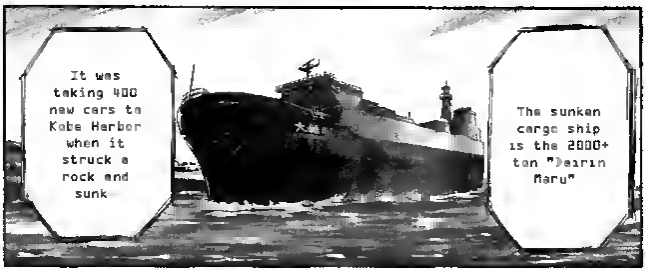
Raising it up is impossible! That's why!
As long as the ship is right under the brige…

Boss!

Dawn, huh...
There's going to be a storm...
In Japan...
I'm flying over the Kanmon Bridge where the incident took place!
This is Usami, reporting live

Chapter 15 Why It's Impossible

As a result the 7th Regional Coast Guard Headquarters has banned all ship movement in the straits.
Last night, a ship transporting cars sank right under the Kanmon Bridge that connects Moji and Shimonoseki...


It was taking 400 new cars to Kobe Harbor when it struck a rock and sunk.
The sunken cargo ship is the 2000+ ton "Dairin Maru"

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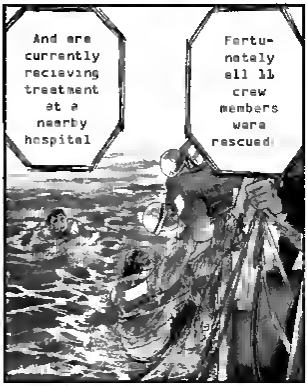
However...
The trouble has only just begun!


And are currently recieving treatment at a nearby hospital.
Fortunately all 11 crew members were rescued.

How soon the ban will be lifted depends on how soon the sunken ship can be raised. However no concrete steps to raise it have been taken yet.
Due to closure of the route, about 300 ships are now trapped on both sides of the straits. Ships that normally use the route will have no choice but to take a long detour, encountering considerable delays in the process.
If this situation continues for much longer, it will have a serious effect on Japan's economy.

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Thank you very much for that report, Usami
Reporting from the scene, Usami

Profes-
sor
Suzuki,
thank
you for
joining
us
We are joined in the studio by Professor Suzuki Daisuke of the Economics Department of Shogaku University
Could you tell us in concrete terms what we can expect?
Now, as we just heard in the report, there are concerns for the state of Japan's economy due to the lock on the Kanmon Straits
What do you mean by that?
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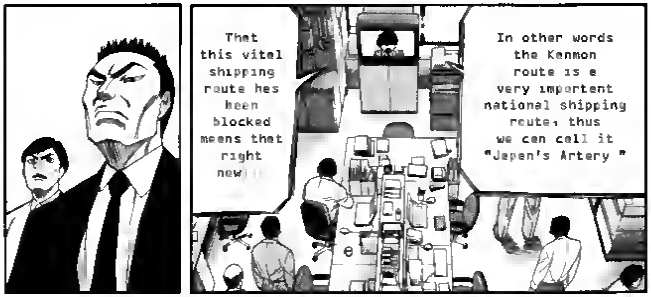
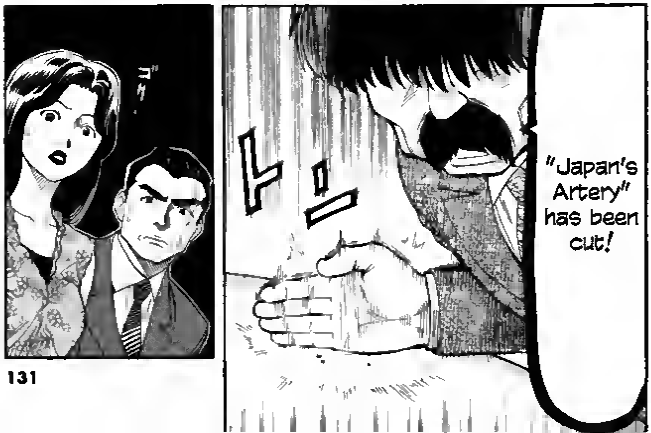
"Japan's Artery!!"

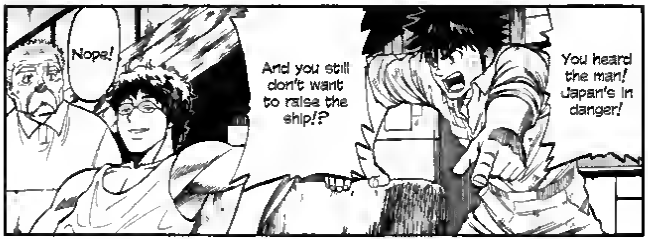
According to last year's Coast Guard White Paper, about 150,000 ships passed through the Kanmon Straits last year... That's 20% of all ships that came to Japan last year...
Currently, 99.7% of Japan's imports of goods like food, natural gas and crude oil come by sea


That this vital shipping route has been blocked means that right now!!
In other words the Kanmon route is a very important national shipping route, thus we can call it "Japan's Artery"

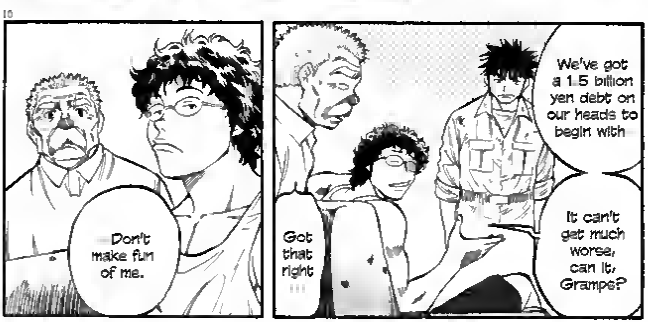

"Japan's Artery" has been cut!

What will happen if Japan's imports of food and energy are delayed?
First of all, if the block continues for a week, prices will go up and small and mid-sized businesses will start to fail.
If it continues for a month...
Prices will rise even faster, the market will spiral out of control and even large companies and corporations will suffer severe losses...
As a result Japan will be full of unemployed people.

It means complete chaos for Japan's economy.
You could say...


Nope!
And you still don't want to raise the ship!?
You heard the man! Japan's in danger!

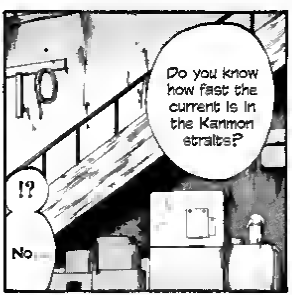
It's going to affect us too, you know!
Don't act like you don't care!


Don't make fun of me.
Got that right
We've got a 1.5 billion yen debt on our heads to begin with
It can't get much worse, can it, Grampa?

I may be an amateur but I still own this place!
Why are you calling it impossible? Explain it to me!
Stop blowing me off and making fun of me!

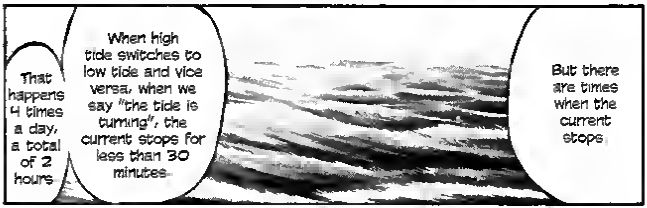
We weren't laughing at you or anything.

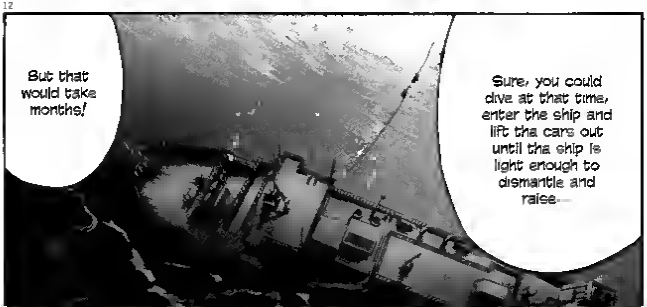
It's okay, I'll explain
Bon, don't you see


Do you know how fast the current is in the Kanmon straits?
!?
No

We just didn't think you'd get it even if we told you.

It flows at a maximum of 8 knots (16km per hour).
Much too fast for any diving work.


That happens 4 times a day, a total of 2 hours.
When high tide switches to low tide and vice versa, when we say "the tide is turning", the current stops for less than 30 minutes.
But there are times when the current stops.


But that would take months!
Sure, you could dive at that time, enter the ship and lift the cars out until the ship is light enough to dismantle and raise.

And if your timing is off even just a little, you'll be washed away by the current...
Game over for you.
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I know!
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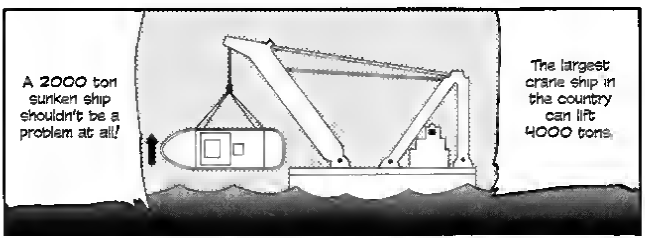

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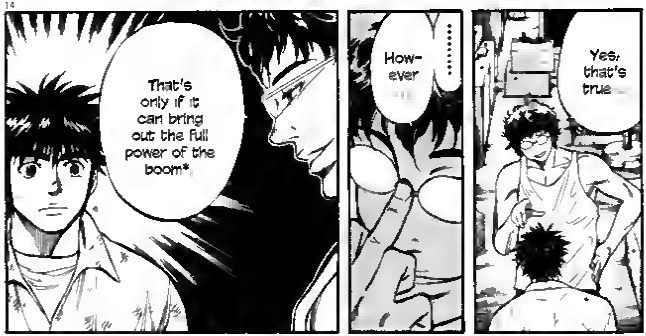
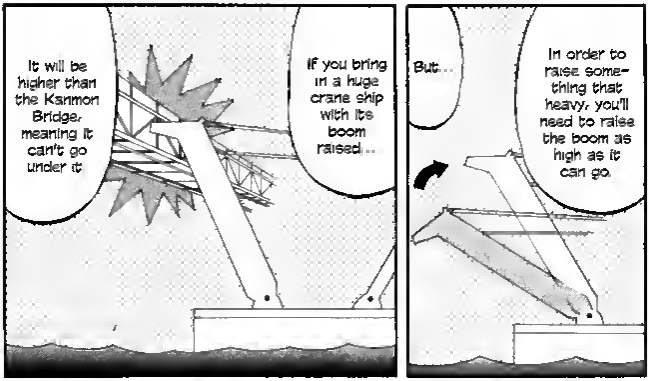
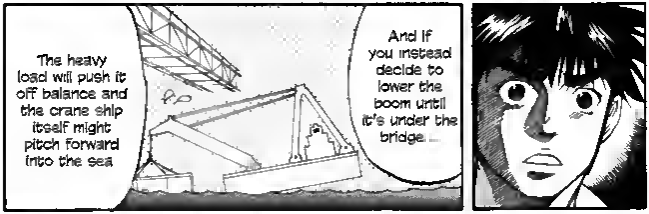


*A CRANE OR CRANE SHIP'S ARM IS CALLED A BOOM


It will be higher than the Kanmon Bridge, meaning it can't go under it
If you bring in a huge crane ship with its boom raised...
But...
In order to raise something that heavy, you'll need to raise the boom as high as it can go.


The heavy load will push it off balance and the crane ship itself might pitch forward into the sea
And if you instead decide to lower the boom until it's under the bridge...

But there's gotta be a way to use one...
Think back to what I just said

A crane ship is no good either.
In other words...

With the current flowing that fast, where are you going to anchor a crane ship?
The ship itself will be so busy fighting the current...
It won't be able to keep its balance, how much more do any work

Do you see why Eguchi refused now?
It's because he knew all that!
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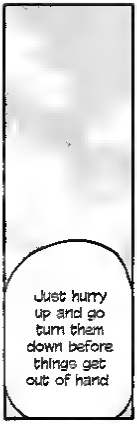
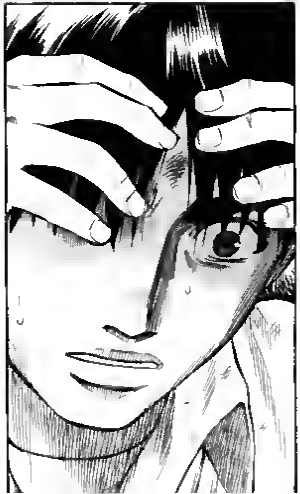
As long as the wreck is right under the Kanmon Bridge...

Why it's impossible to raise!
There are hundreds of reasons...


Just hurry up and go turn them down before things get out of hand

No need to thank me.



That's right.
Dad, so there's a sunken ship right under us?

Salvaging isn't so easy that you can do it with good intentions alone
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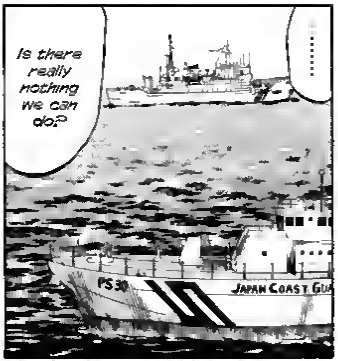
Is there really nothing we can do?
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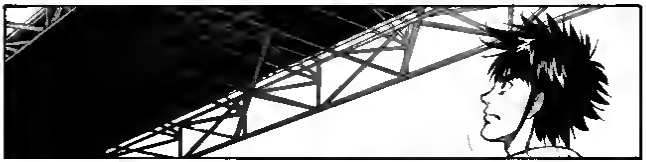

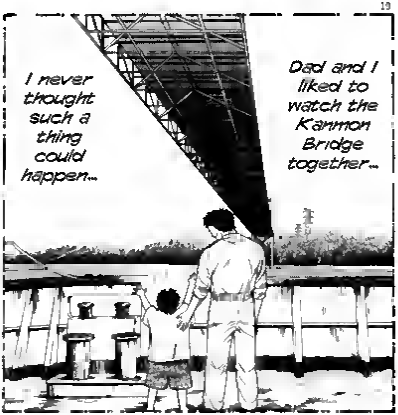
I never thought such a thing could happen...
Dad and I liked to watch the Kanmon Bridge together...

Hey, Coast boys!

We've gotta catch fish for you losers to eat!
What do we pay taxes for, you idiots!?

Stop wasting our fucking time!
Get that ship out of the way and open the route!

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You don't know what you're talking about!
They're doing their best!

If you're going to waste our money, give it back!

It's the salvage company's...
.....
Huh?
Who the hell are you?
Raising sunken ships isn't the Coast Guard's job anyway...
.....
Huh?
Salvage what-what-what!?
If you've got a problem, let's have it out here!
Huh?
Oh!? Wanna fight!?

You okay?
T-thank you so much!
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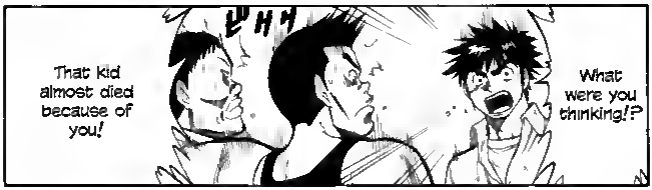
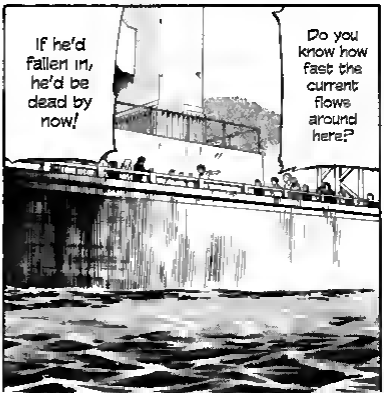

That kid almost died because of you!
What were you thinking!?

I fell in long ago and I almost died...!


If he'd fallen in, he'd be dead by now!
Do you know how fast the current flows around here?

I fell in... long ago...?
Ah...

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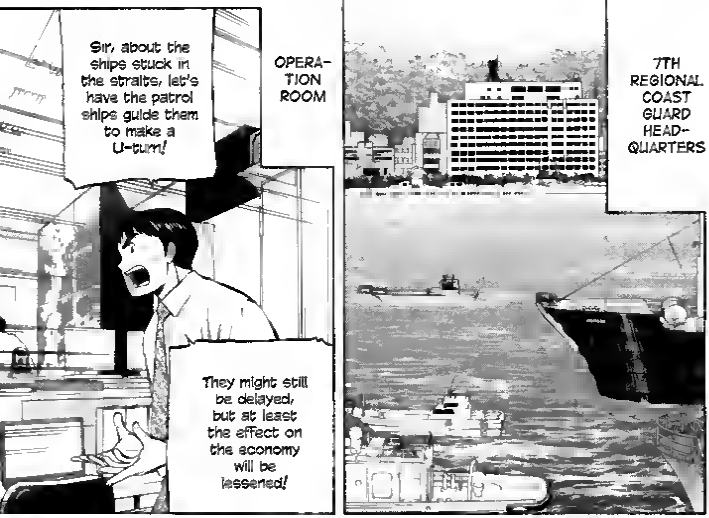
I found it!
There IS a place to anchor a crane ship!


Sir, about the ships stuck in the straits, let's have the patrol ships guide them to make a U-turn!
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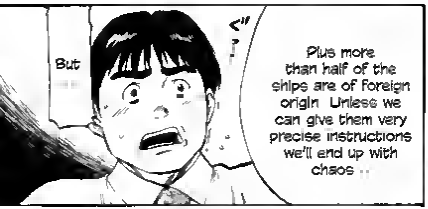
They might still be delayed, but at least the effect on the economy will be lessened!
7TH REGIONAL COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS


But…
Plus more than half of the ships are of foreign origin. Unless we can give them very precise instructions we'll end up with chaos…

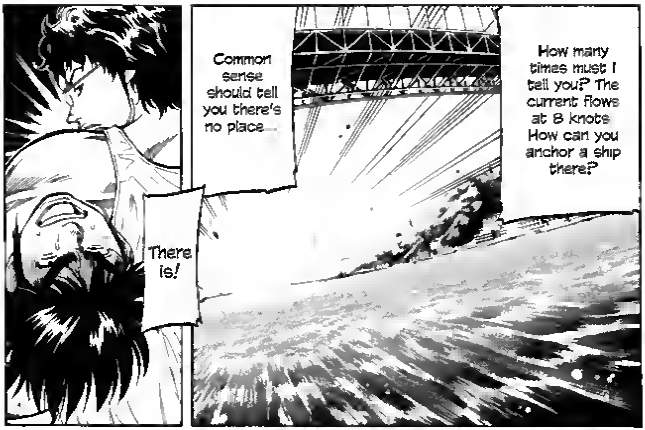
What? Why!?
I'd like to avoid that at all costs if possible…
Turning a ship around is much harder than you imagine, especially for larger vessels

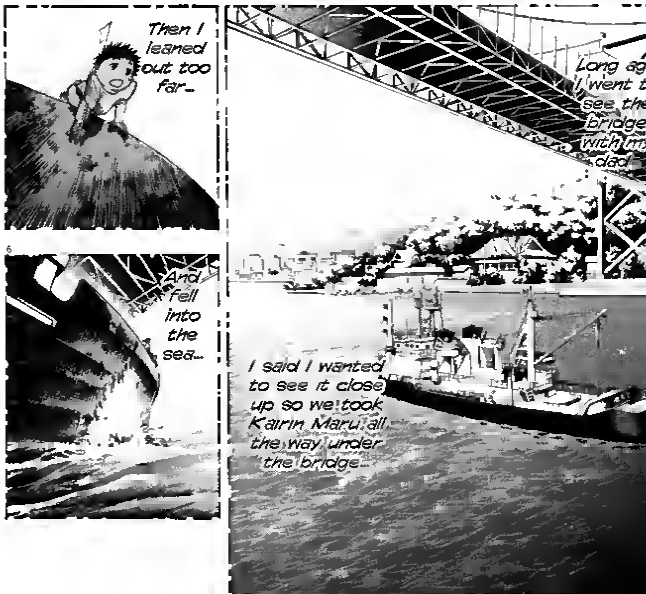
Are trapped in the straits right now
Almost half the number of all the ships that pass through the Kanmon Straits daily…

If two ships collide while making a U-turn
And a fire breaks out
And that fire spreads to the other ships...
Most of the ships will burn. If the fire spreads further...
In the worst case the towns and hillsides nearby...
Will all burn!
In the end, the best case scenario is to raise the ship up from under the Kanmon Bridge.
It's painful, but right now all we can do...
Is believe in those men!

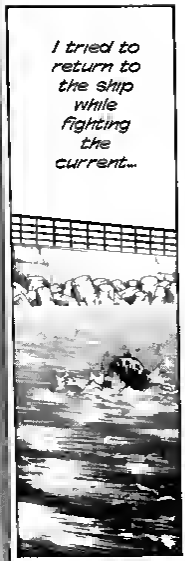
Chapter 16 The Discovered Clue

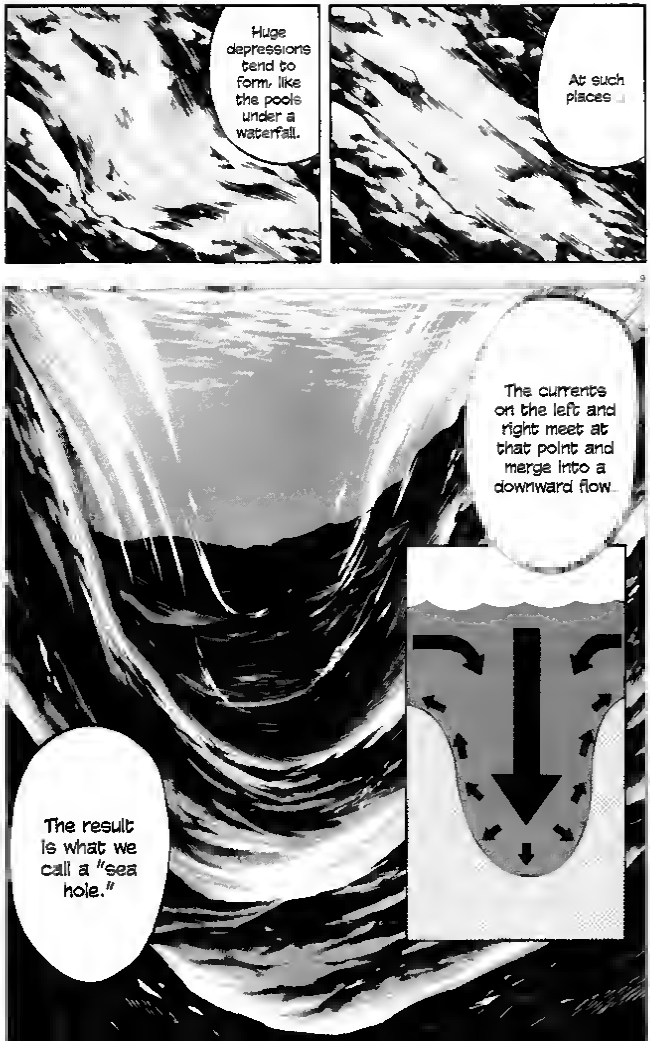
Yes!
You're saying there's a place to anchor a crane ship in the Kanmori straits?
What?
The media and the Coast Guard would hound us out of business! And they wouldn't stop at calling us "sea-swindlers" either!
You want to try and fail and then say, "Hey I guess we couldn't do it"!?
Yoooou... You just don't know when to give up, do you!?


How many times must I tell you? The current flows at 8 knots. How can you anchor a ship there?
Common sense should tell you there's no place...
There is!


Then I leaned out too far...
Long ago I went to see the bridge with my dad...
And fell into the sea...
I said I wanted to see it close up so we took Kairin Maru all the way under the bridge...

But it was far too strong and I was quickly sucked under.




Huge depressions tend to form, like the pools under a waterfall.
At such places...
The currents on the left and right meet at that point and merge into a downward flow.
The result is what we call a "sea hole."

If the current fl "down" and not away...
Then we can anchor a crane ship there without it getting washed away!

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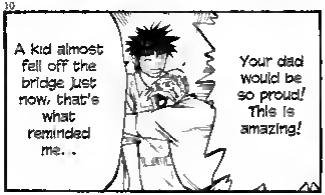
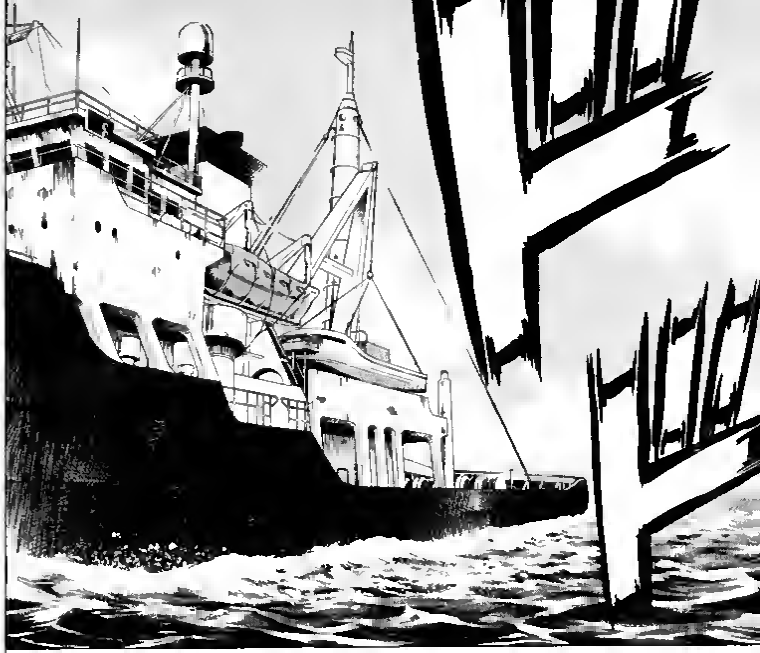
Bon...


A kid almost fell off the bridge just now, that's what reminded me...
Your dad would be so proud! This is amazing!

Where to?
Let's go, boss
To check out the scene, of course!
This is getting pretty interesting!

海麟丸
KAI RIN MARU



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Alert all patrol boats and ships in the vicinity!
Tell them to cooperate fully with Naniba's investigation!
Sir!

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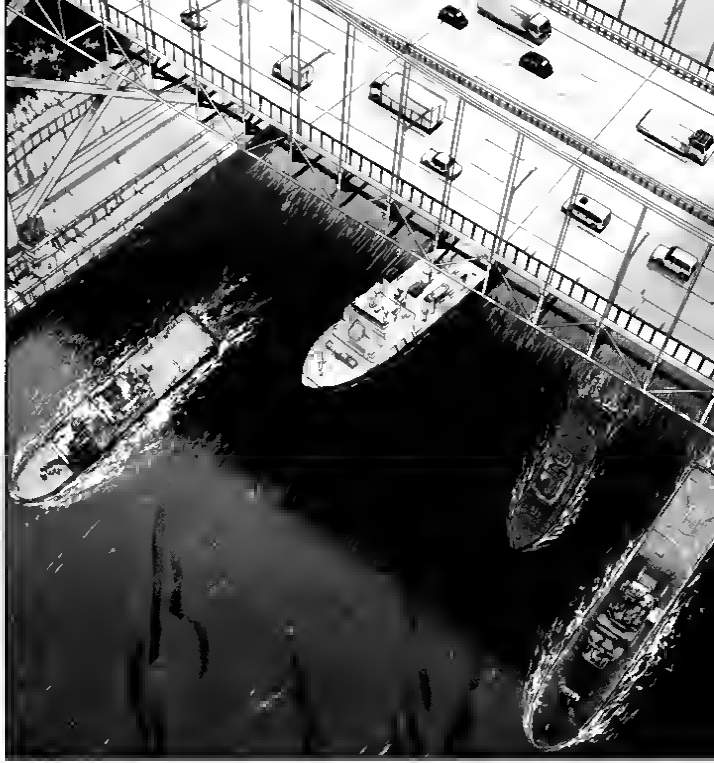
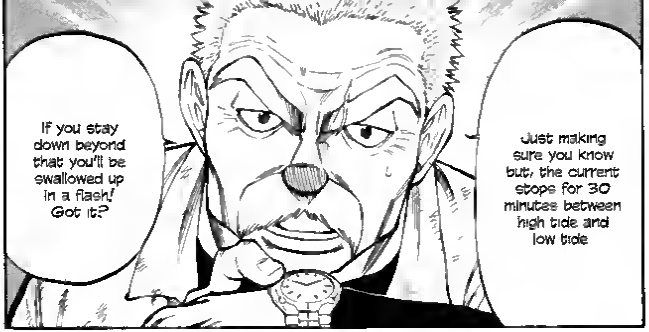
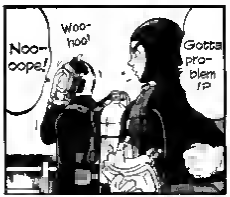
Sir, a message from Naniba Salvage!
They're heading under the bridge to investigate



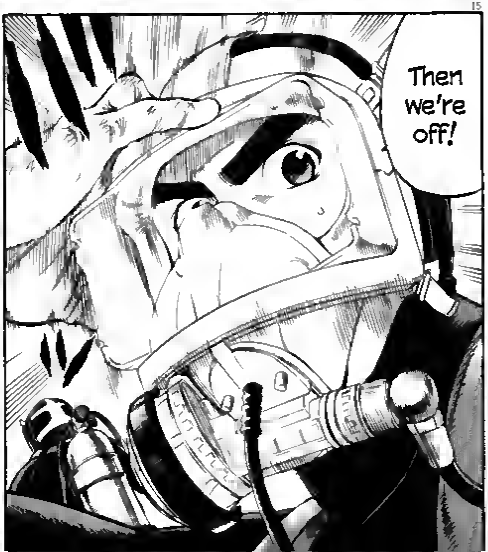
Yeah, yeah, sure.
This just means we can't afford to fail!
Bon!

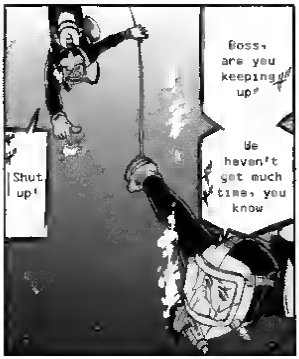
Don't talk about them like that!
Hoho, I'm enjoying this.
Those pesky Coast Guards are finally making themselves useful


If you stay down beyond that you'll be swallowed up in a flash! Got it?
Just making sure you know but, the current stops for 30 minutes between high tide and low tide

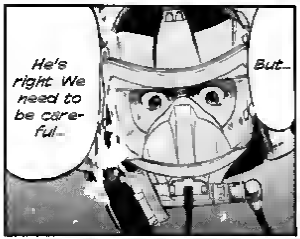

Woo-hoo!
Noo-oope!
Gotta pro-blem !?

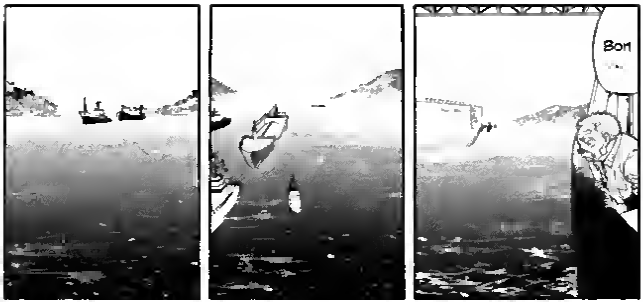
hehe
Awww I wish someone would baby me like that
Okay, okay!
Please be care-ful...


Then we're off!


Boss, are you keeping up?
We haven't got much time, you know
Shut up!

AHH


He's right. We need to be careful...
But...


Bon

YAMATO SALVAGE

What?
Namba Salvage is carrying out an investigation!?

Is he seriously planning to raise a ship from under the Karimon Bridge!?
Waha haha! That stupid idiot!
huh

But the current would get in your way so that's impossible...
You'd need a crane ship to raise it that quickly!

That Sawamura Takeshi guy...
The boss may be a rookie, but that man should know this--
No, wait
What a newbie

Does he know something I don't!?
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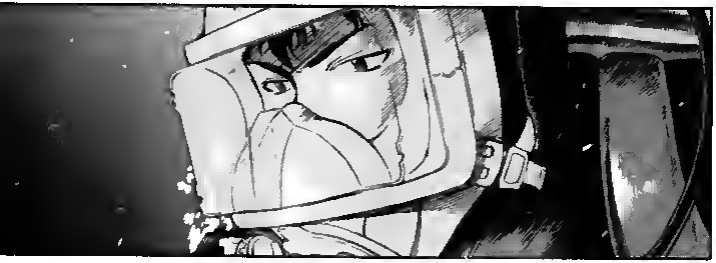
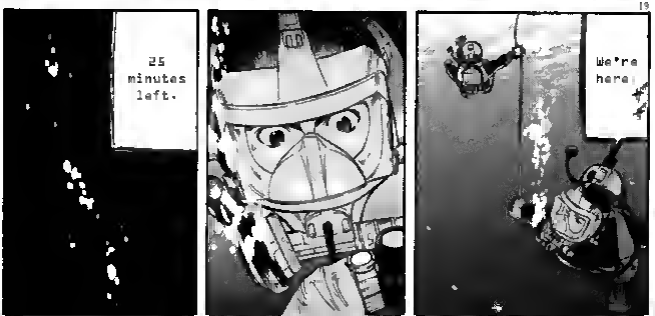
A salvage master that good wouldn't do something this reckless...




25 minutes left.
We're here!

No time to lose!
Let's hurry up and inves-tigate!

Chapter 17 Broken Space

I never experienced this in the Coast Guard.
My very first sunken ship.
Can we explore this wreck fully in so little time?
25 more minutes till low tide starts...

If we hang around here, we'll be swallowed up by the current.
W-who's panicking!?
This isn't the time for a panic attack!
The End
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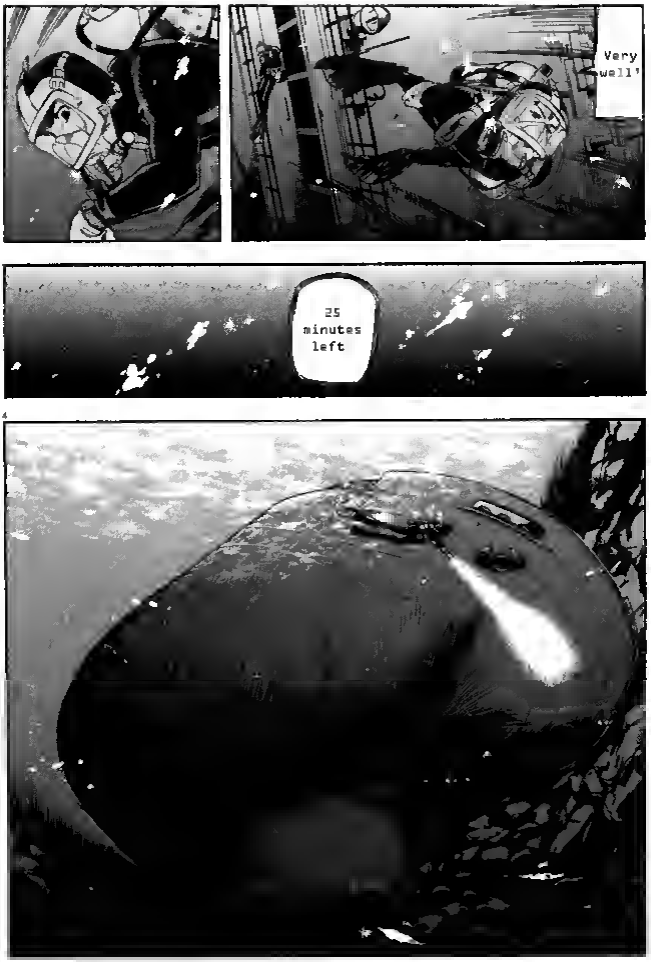
Hm
Is that all!?
Can you do it?
As we agreed, I'll check for damage and oil leaks.
You'll examine the ship and hull for places to pass a wire.

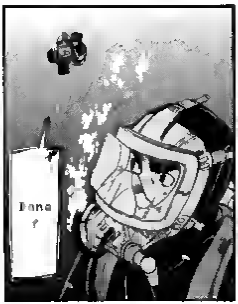

Very well'
25 minutes left

No cracks on the bottom or the right broadside
No oil leaks yet.
Looks like the breech was on the bottom and it sank on top of it...
We'll need to patch that up.
Hmm
I see 8 places we can pass a wire through...
1 2 3 4

Can we really raise something this huge...?

We've got 10 minutes, let's check out the inside too

What's this!? Don't they teach drawing in the Coast Guard!?
Shut up!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the
hull...

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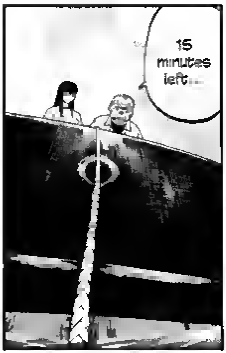
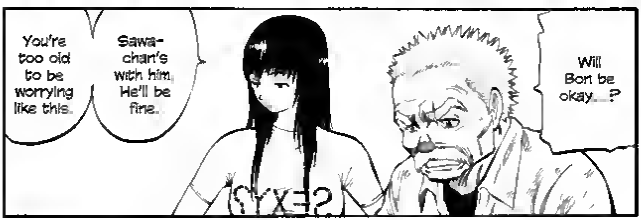
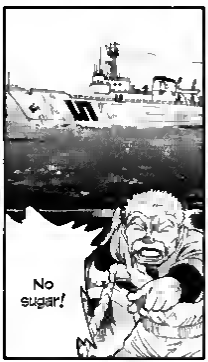

15 minutes left...


You're too old to be worrying like this.
Sawa-chan's with him. He'll be fine.
Will Bon be okay...?

How goes Nanba's investigation?
Still in progress, sir.


No sugar!

If anything happened to Bon, how could I face the Master in the afterlife?
Want some coffee, Grampa?

Notify ships at all four points, so we can find them if they get washed away!
Roger!
Hmm... The tide's going to turn soon
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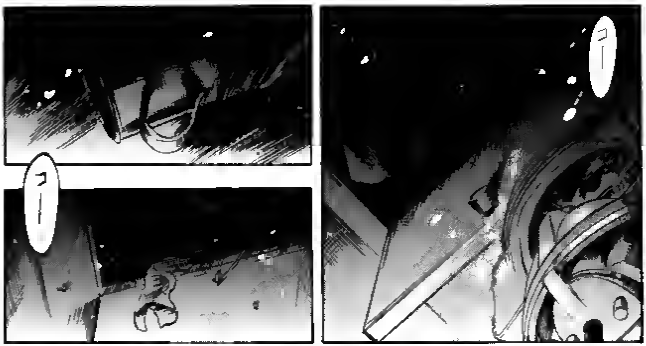
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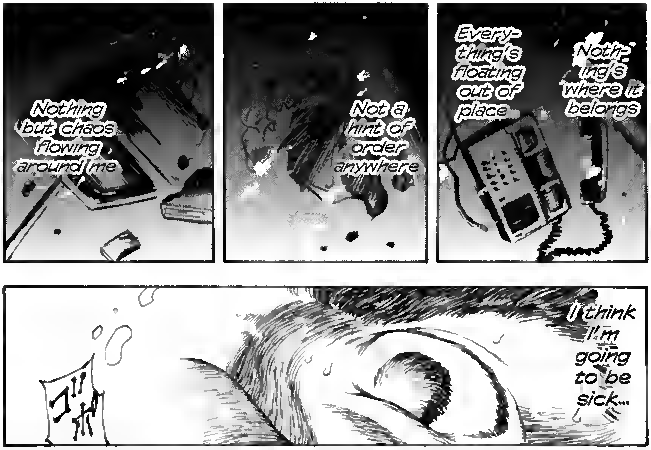
What a bizarre scene...


Nothing but chaos flowing around me
Not a hint of order anywhere
Every-thing's floating out of place
Noth-ing's where it belongs
I think I'm going to be sick...

A ship-wreck...
So this is...

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10 minutes to go.
...Did you hear me?
There's no sign of life!
Let's get this over with!
10 minutes, right?
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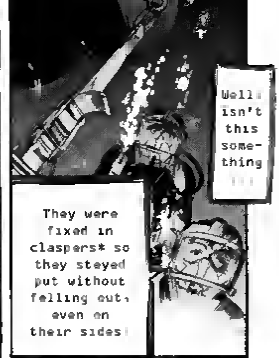
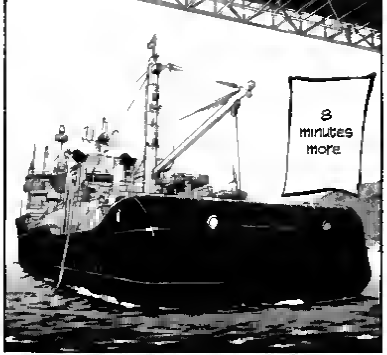
Quickly!
I want to get out of here!
I can't breathe!

I want to go back
As soon as we check the hold we're going back!
Almost out of time
UWAAAAAAH!!



*BELTS USED TO FIX CARS TO THE SHIP FLOOR

Bon! Sawa-chan! You're almost out of time!
Okay


3 minutes more

Okay
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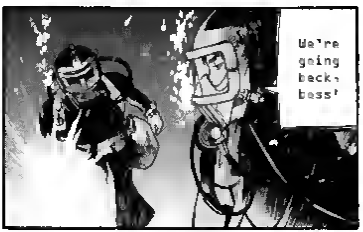
We're going back, boss!

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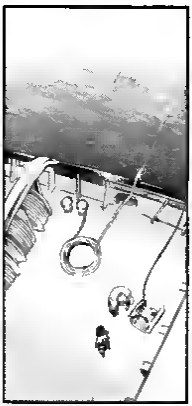

Now I can face the Master!
Phew, looks like they'll be fine!
GAHAHAHA
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The tide is turning already?
No
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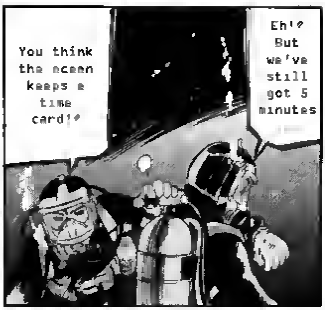
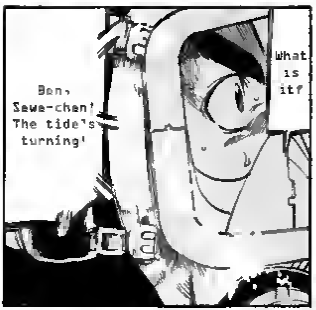

You think the ocean keeps a time card!?
Eh!? But we've still got 5 minutes


Ben, Sawa-chan! The tide's turning!
What is it?

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Move it!

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!!!

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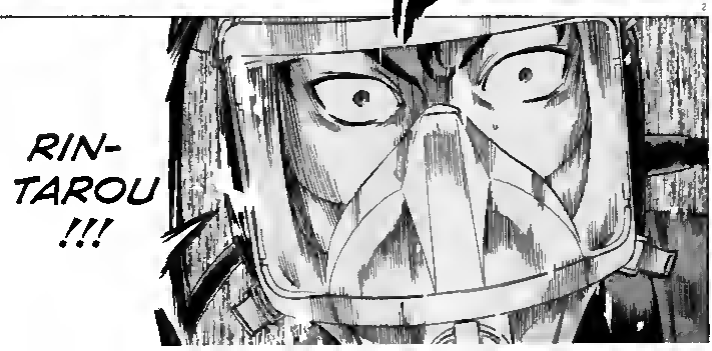
RIN-
TAROU
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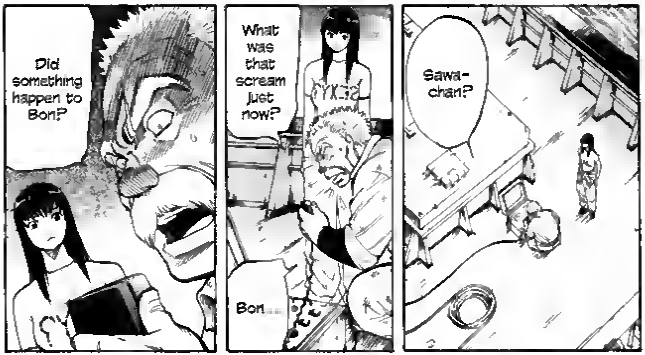
Did something happen to Bon?
What was that scream just now?
Bon...
Sawa-chan?

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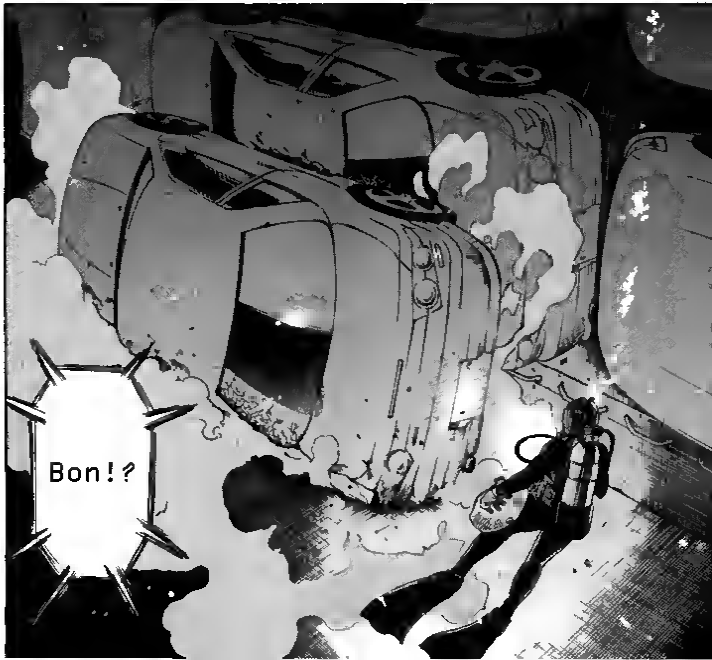
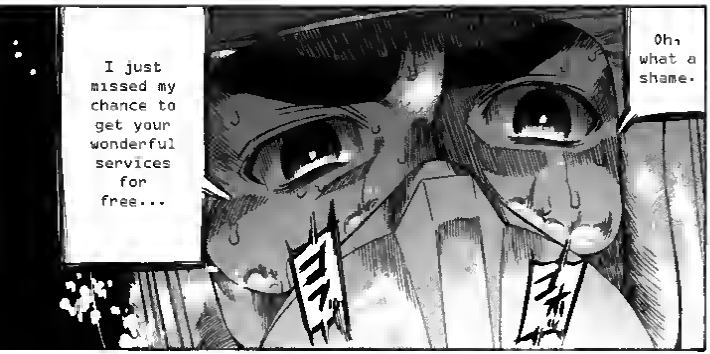

Bon!?

Bon!
Bon! Answer me, please!
BON!

Y-you don't need to yell so loud.

A-and you... It's pretty rare for you to call me by name.

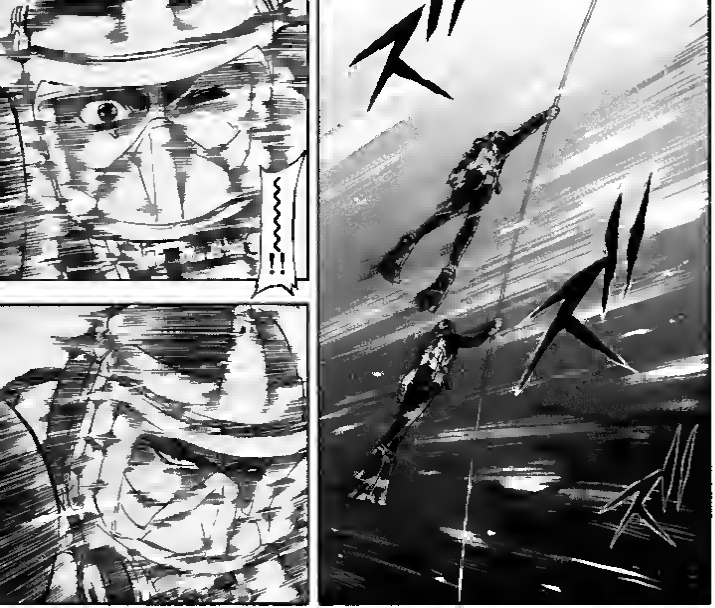
I was just worried I might have to drag your carcass up for no pay.
Heh.


I just missed my chance to get your wonderful services for free...
Oh, what a shame.

I'm so glad he's okay!
YAAAAAAAY!!

The tide has turned. We've got to lift them out before the current reaches full speed!
but it's too soon to rejoice!

This rope is your lifeline! Don't let go of it!
This is child's play. A knots is nothing like this!
Ugh... is this the max speed? It's so fast!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Bon!
Shiwa chan!
It's getting faster!
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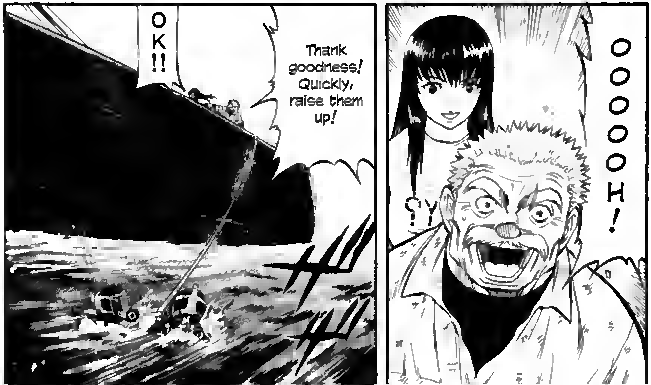
OOOOH!
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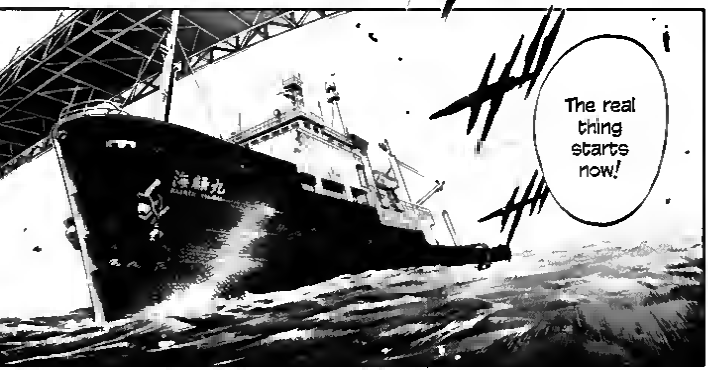
Thank goodness! Quickly, raise them up!
OK!!

Hmph, idiot!
W-we're finally done with that...


The real thing starts now!

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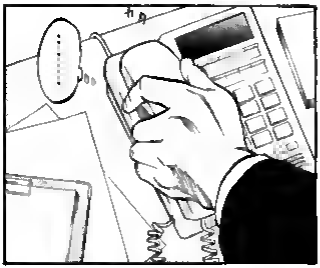
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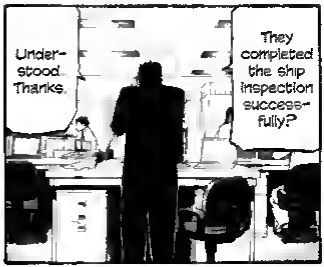
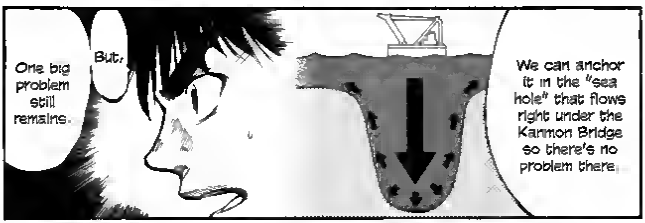

They completed the ship inspection successfully?
Understood. Thanks.

Karji...
Your son is doing well...

Now that we know how the wreck is doing...
All that's left is to raise it.

Using the largest crane ship in Japan!


But,
One big problem still remains.
We can anchor it in the "sea hole" that flows right under the Kannon Bridge so there's no problem there.

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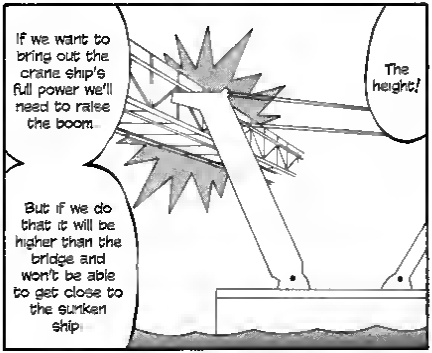
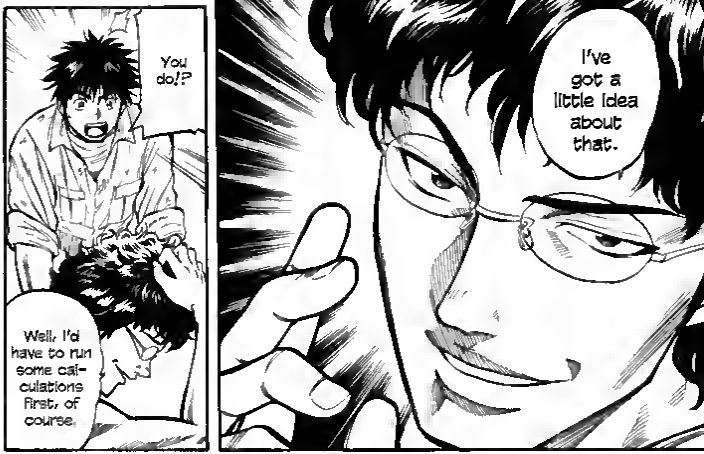
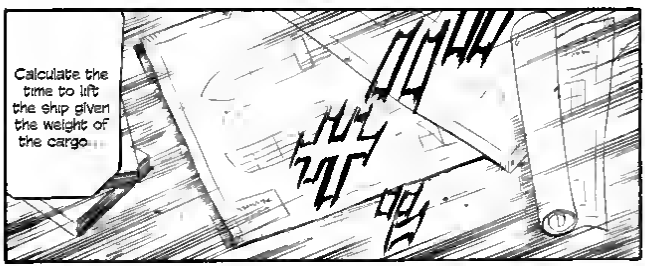
Ah.
Unless we can solve that...


If we want to bring out the crane ship's full power we'll need to raise the boom.
The height!
But if we do that it will be higher than the bridge and won't be able to get close to the sunken ship.

I know I was the one who raised that point in the first place, but...


You do!?
Well, I'd have to run some calculations first, of course.
I've got a little idea about that.

Calculate the time to lift the ship given the weight of the cargo...

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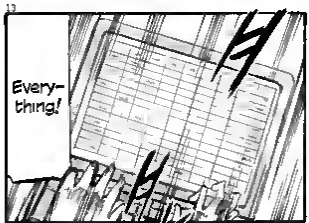
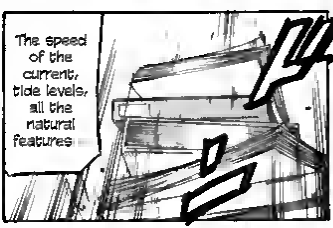

Everything!


The speed of the current, tide levels, all the natural features...

I thought they would be as rowdy as ever, but...
Is this for real?

I never thought they could be this focused...
They're making such careful calculations...

O-okay
Make mine black!
Eh?
Hey! If you've got nothing to do, go make me some coffee!
S-sorry Bon! I'll make the coffee!
Ah!?
Geez
No sugar!
You want some
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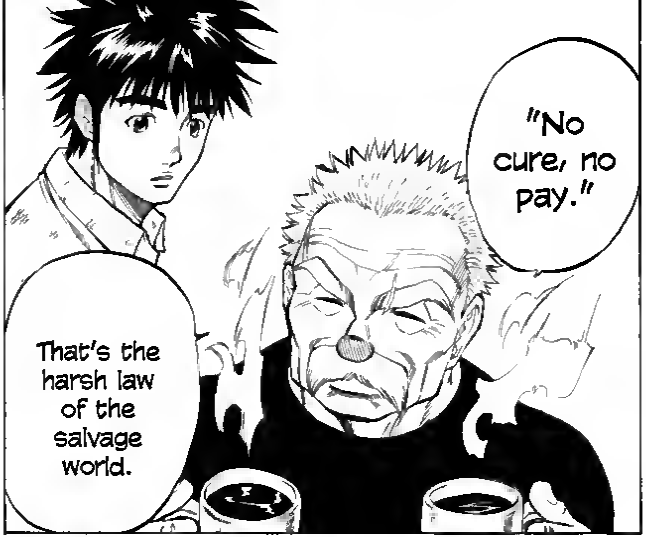
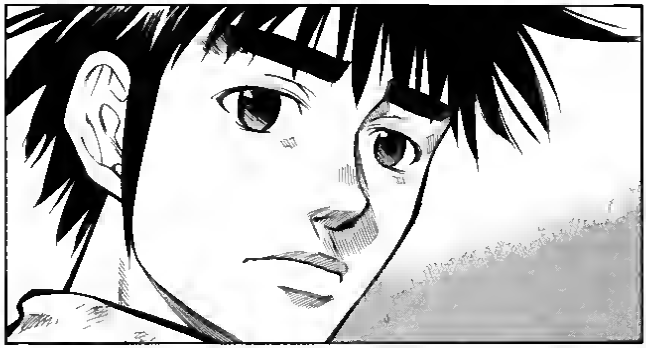
If we make even the tiniest error calculating the amount of weight a wire can take, the whole operation will fail
Eep!
Chartering the largest crane ship in Japan costs 10 million yen a day
And not only will we not get a cent but we'll have to shoulder all the costs incurred as well
Of course! There's a lot of money on the line
It's gotten pretty scary around here...

*APPROX. $112 000 USD


"No cure, no pay."
That's the harsh law of the salvage world.



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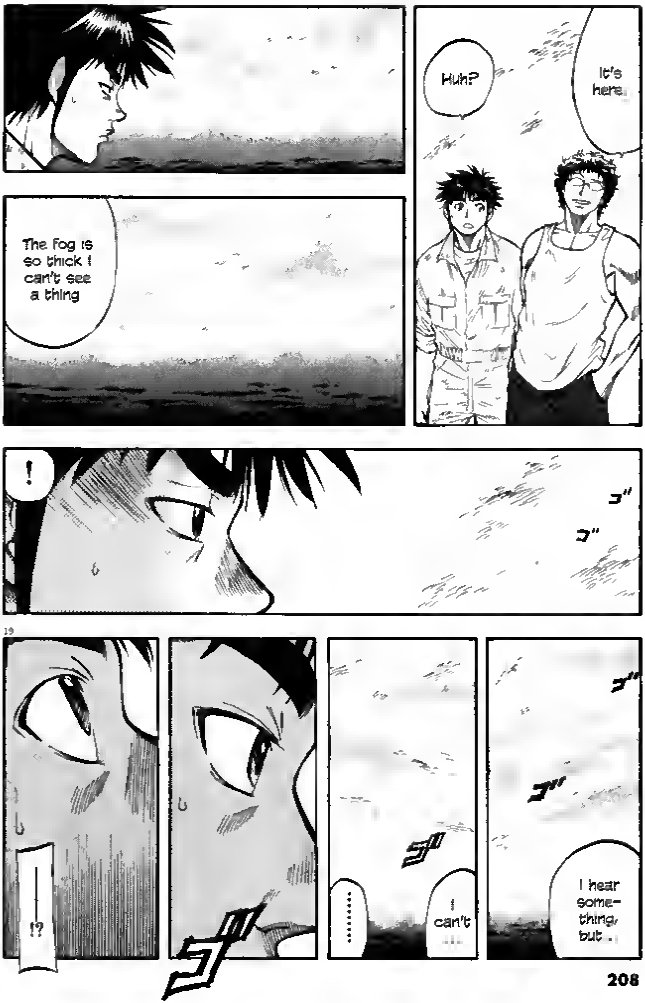
Hey. Get up!
We're done.
Mm
Ow, ow... I'm getting too old to pull all-nighters

YES!
Now we can call for the crane ship...
Already did that.
Sawa-san's so dependable, unlike a certain drooling idiot!
It should be arriving any time now.
What should I!?
The star of the show!


Huh?
It's here.
The fog is so thick I can't see a thing
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I can't ...
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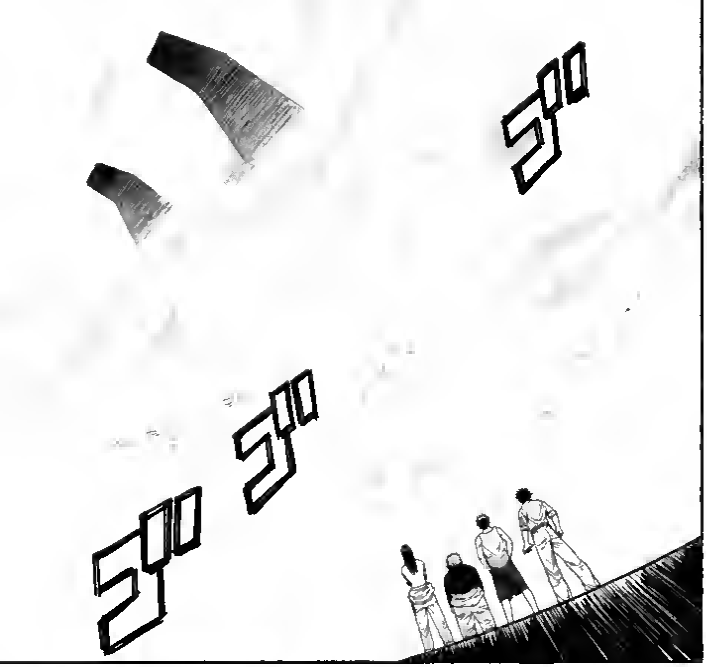
I hear some-thing, but ..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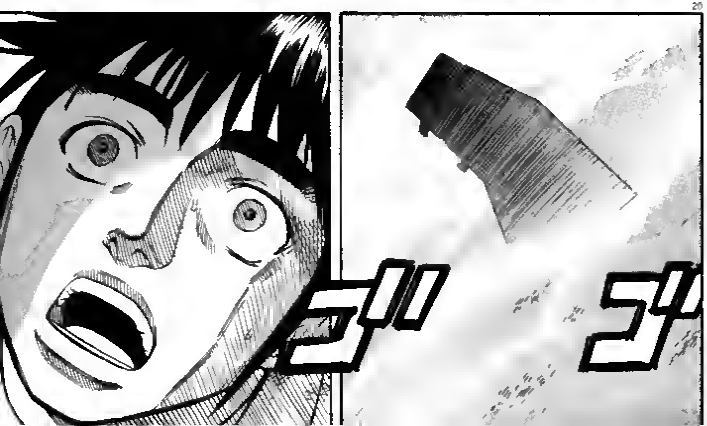
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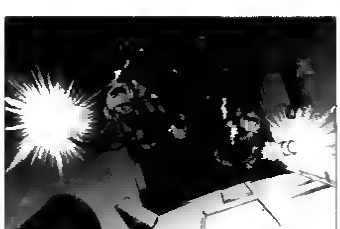
That's the largest crane ship in Japan...
"Tekkai!"



Salvaging is all about strength!
URAAAAA!
Raaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!
Enjoying your walkies, I see
Stop chasing meeeeeee!

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EVERYDAY LIFE AT NANBA!

Cramps

THIS MONTH'S FORTUNE FOR THOSE BORN IN DECEMBER
Little Luck
• Work won t go well and you won't make much money
Trouble with peo
Cam Cam
splosh
You'd better not have wiped your ass with my mag, Gramps!
You can't trust these little girls' magazines!
GAA
HAHA
My shit prediction says "Great Luck!"

EVERYDAY LIFE AT NANBA!

Hiro